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STATIONS	No. 2	No. 6	No. 10	No. 14	No. 18	No. 22	No. 26	No. 30	No. 34
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00
Yauwatt ...Dep.	8.45	8.10	8.35	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.40	3.05
Taipei ...Dep.	8.50	8.15	8.40	9.20	10.10	12.10	1.25	2.45	3.10
Taipei Market Dep.	8.55	8.20	8.45	9.25	10.15	12.15	1.30	2.50	3.15
Shanghai ...Dep.	9.00	8.25	8.50	9.30	10.20	12.20	1.35	2.55	3.20
Shanghai ...Arr.	9.05	8.30	8.55	9.35	10.25	12.25	1.40	3.00	3.25
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	11.10	11.35	12.15	13.00	13.45	14.30	15.15	15.45

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 3	No. 7	No. 11	No. 15	No. 19	No. 23	No. 27	No. 31	No. 35
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	8.05	8.30	8.55	9.20	9.45	10.10	10.35	11.00	11.25
Shanghai ...Dep.	8.10	8.35	9.00	9.25	9.50	10.15	10.40	11.05	11.30
Taipei ...Dep.	8.15	8.40	9.05	9.30	9.55	10.20	10.45	11.10	11.35
Taipei Market Dep.	8.20	8.45	9.10	9.35	10.00	10.25	10.50	11.15	11.40
Yauwatt ...Dep.	8.25	8.50	9.15	9.40	10.05	10.30	10.55	11.20	11.45
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INVENTOR'S CLAIMS.

[BY AN ENGINEER.]

Will the white horses of the sea be harnessed to the wheels of commerce? Will the whisper of the waves gently breaking on the shore or the thunder of the ocean in angry mood saying, "Use me," "Use me," ever be heeded? It is recognised that the cheapest and most reliable power in the world is produced by the weight and energy of falling water, and there being no great falls such as Niagara to harness we in this country have been much handicapped by the lack of it; but we have for that purpose surrounding our coast the great possibilities of the sea as a more constant means of power than any rivers can be and equal in force to many Niagara.

There is a proposal at the present time to erect super-power stations with steam generating plants to supply the electrical needs of the Home Counties. This would be absolutely unnecessary, for from one area alone, The Wash, Lincolnshire, the whole of the counties of Lincoln, Norfolk, Huntingdon, Bedford, Northampton, Essex, Suffolk, Oxford, and Cambridge, and the needs of Greater London could be supplied.

130,000 Acres Available.

There are in The Wash more than 130,000 acres available, without reckoning the acreage of tidal rivers flowing into it. This vast area could be divided into a full basin of 80,000 acres and a receiving basin of 50,000 acres, by means of two dams, which, owing to local conditions, could be easily constructed—the first dam from St. Edmunds, Hunstanton, to Gibraltar Point, and the second dam dividing the area as above.

The full basin is to be kept at high-tide level by the inflow of the sea at high tide and the rivers flowing into it, and the low-level receiving basin is to be kept at low-tide level, except for the waters from the power station retained during the period when the high tide would prevent the spent waters flowing out to sea. The high-level basin would not lose more than one foot and a half from its surface at any time, and the low-level basin would only rise a few inches, so that the working head would remain practically always the same. This is of vital importance and a great difficulty with many hydro-electric schemes. The main or sea dam would require locks to allow shipping to pass and inflow sluice gates through which the sea would flow at high tide into the full basin, and outflow sluice gates at a low level through which the used waters would flow back to the sea at low-tide level—the principle being automatic and perpetual, in at high and out at low tide.

700 Tides A Year.

There are 700 tides each year, and thus the total yearly supply of water would be 56,000,000 acres. The working head at the power station built on the dividing dam would never be less than twelve feet, the distance between the high and low levels. If 13 feet be used instead of one foot, then the area available for use annually would be 54,000,000 foot acres. (There are many water-power stations working with a much lower head than 13 feet.) Each foot acre of water falling 13 feet produces 18 horse-power hours; the output, therefore, would be 1,244,000,000 horse-power hours.

If 50 per cent. only be used (572,000,000 horse-power hours), and if 50 horse-power hour units be estimated per head of population, there would be enough power from this area alone, on this basis, to provide for the electrical requirements of 13,440,000 of the population.

Value Of The Product.

It has been said that "the value of any commercial enterprise is the value of the product." The national value of this product, socially or commercially cannot be monetarily estimated. Smokeless cities, towns and villages, abundance of light and power, new industries, increased employment, the minor finding congenial work at good wages in the light of day, all point to health and wealth untold.

If 672,000,000 units be sold at 1d. per unit the income would be, after (Continued on next column).

SOBERING-UP STATION.

ON CALIFORNIAN BORDER.

FOR GOOD PROHIBITIONISTS.

NEW YORK.

The State of California has risen magnificently to a great occasion. With the United States still apparently dry, its citizens are obliged to cross the border for that relaxation of spirit so dear to the average man. Mexico is a favoured resort for those Americans who live along its borders. The town of Tijuana, famous in the records of the underworld, lies at a convenient distance from San Diego. Visitors from the United States can slip across the international border into Tijuana and enjoy its cafes and cabarets and return in time for next morning's business.

And here, with a fine gesture, California has raised its banner of benevolence. What is termed a "sobering-up" station has been erected on the border for the benefit of those Americans who have drunk not wisely but too well. These devotees of happy living are interned until they are in complete control of their senses and able to guide their motor-cars back to home or office. Guards are also provided to keep strict watch on temporarily vacated motor-cars.

Only one measure of sternness enters into this delightful arrangement. Should any returning visitor resist detention there is a special cell where he may be forcibly confined.

SILK STOCKINGS SOAKED WITH AMMONIA.

STARTLING GAG ATTACK ON A YOUNG WOMAN.

A pair of silk stockings soaked in ammonia are said to have been used as a gag by a man who attacked a young girl in a lonely spot near Sidcup.

The girl's name is Ethel Earwaker, 20, of Days-lane, Sidcup, and she suffered her terrifying experience in Halfway-street, between Eltham and Sidcup, on her way home from business.

Miss Earwaker, who is a book-seller's assistant at The Broadway, Eltham, is stated to have been followed home by a man who shuffled along the road just behind her for a considerable distance.

At a lonely spot he overtook her, and suddenly rushed at her. He then tried to drug her with a pair of 'silk' stockings soaked in ammonia.

She fought him off and screamed. People attracted by her cries ran out from a bungalow near by, and the man, who did not speak, then ran off across the fields and disappeared.

The outrage is reminiscent of similar attacks on young women in the St. Mary Cray district, which is near by. Stories have been told recently of a series of mysterious attacks on young women and girls in lonely lanes in the St. Mary Cray district.

Terrifying descriptions were given of the man by those whom he was said to have approached. In one case a Mrs. Florence Harland, of Station-road, St. Mary Cray, and Miss Es, of Conway-street, Plinford, were returning together from Sidcup when they met a man midway between Foots Cray and St. Paul's Cray.

He asked to be directed to Orpington, and afterwards is said to have hit the women on the head. According to other accounts, the man who has been seen was between 40 and 50 and very shabby. Other women and girls tell stories of being approached by a mysterious stranger.

providing for all possible working expenditure, more than £2,000,000 per year. The saving of coal alone would be 2,000,000 tons annually, while the cost of construction of dams, locks, drainage, power house and equipment would not exceed £7,000,000. The power generated could be supplied in bulk by cable to all the existing power companies to distribute as now.

The advantages to the local district should not be overlooked. The main dam can be made to form a roadway linking up the coast, while the high marine lake would be valuable for seaplanes, yachting, boating, and fishing. The major portion of the money would be expended in labour locally.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Maundy Thursday.
Property Sale China Auction Rooms, 3 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Flesh and the Devil."
World Theatre: "Forlorn River."
Star Theatre: 2.30 to 3.30 "Love's Blindness" and at 9.15 The Wilbur Players in "Handcuffed."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Carl Legion), 3 p.m.

Friday.

Good Friday.
Golf: Easter Meeting, Fanling.
Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club "A" v. University at King's Park, 3.30 p.m.
Fanling Hunt: Paper Chase, 3.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Shield of Honour."
World Theatre: "Forlorn River."
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Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Kalgan); Europe via Negapatam (Patroclus).

Saturday.

Golf: Easter Meeting, Fanling.
Cricket: Kowloon C.C. 1st XI. v. United Services; University 1st XI. Winners v. Rest; University and XI. Winners v. Rest; K.C.C. 1st XI. v. Army.
Extra Race Meeting Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Shield of Honour."
World Theatre: "Forlorn River."
Star Theatre: 2.30 to 3.30 "Love's Blindness" and at 9.15 The Wilbur Players in "Handcuffed."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kalgan), 10.30 p.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Hakone Maru), 9.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Easter Day. In St. Peter's at matins the Rev. N. V. Harward, M.C., M.A., on "Christ the Triumphant Victor."
Special Musical Service at Union Church at 5.45 p.m. led by E.O.S.B. band. Soloist: Mr. H. Glover. At the organ Mr. G. E. Glover.
Volunteer Corps Annual Rifle Meeting, Stonecutters.
Golf: Easter Meeting, Fanling.
Junior Section Championships Semi-final, Happy Valley.
Fanling Hunt: Meet at Mai Po Village, 7 a.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Whispering Wires" also "Felix" in "Blunderland."
World Theatre: "Bright Lights."
Star Theatre: "Wilbur Players, 5.30 and 9.15 in "Charley's Aunt."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Monday.

Easter Monday.
Japanese Squadron arrive 11 a.m.
Volunteer Corps Annual Rifle Meeting, Stonecutters.
Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Whispering Wires" also "Felix" in "Blunderland."
World Theatre: "Bright Lights."
Star Theatre: "Wilbur Players, 5.30, "Three Live Ghosts" and at 9.15, "The Family Upstairs."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. v. Recreation on the H.N.U.S.C. ground, 3 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Silk Stockings."
World Theatre: "The Street of Forgotten Men."
Star Theatre: "Tongues of Flame."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
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One glass of Bacardi
Fill glass with Sparkling Water.

BACARDI GROG
One quart of Bacardi
One pound of Sugar
One quart of Fordsosa Oolong Tea
Use the grog, adding equal
Part of very hot water
Serve with slices of lemon
Dissolve sugar in hot water.

BACARDI MILK PUNCH
One glass hot Milk
One tablespoonful of sugar
A pinch of nutmeg
The yolk of an egg
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Egg with the sugar
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(ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,
COMMANDANT.)

No. 321.

1.—Holidays.

Friday, 6th, Saturday, 7th and
Monday, 9th April, 1928, will be
observed as holidays, no parades
will be held on those days. Corps
Orders are now published on Thurs-
day, April 5th, instead of Friday,
April 6th, 1928.

2.—Corps Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Corps Rifle Meeting
will take place at Stonecutters
Range on April 8th and 9th, 1928.

Launches will leave Murray Pier
at 9 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m. and
1.30 p.m., calling at Kowloon Pier
ten minutes later.

APPROXIMATE TIMES OF FIRING.

Sunday, April 8th.

9.00 a.m. Blake Shield.
11.00 .. Francis Cup.
2.00 p.m. Jar Competition.
3.00 .. Plate Competition.
4.30 .. Attack Competition.

Monday, April 9th.

9.00 a.m. Corps Championship.
9.00 .. Tyro Competition.
11.30 .. Musketry Competition.
2.30 p.m. Reserves Challenge Cup.
3.30 .. Lewis Gun Competition.

Revolver Competition, Corps and
All Comers, will be fired both days
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those wishing to have tiffins pro-
vided for them on either day must
inform the Hon. Secretary at once
and enclose \$1.50.

Uniform compulsory for all com-
petitors.

Competitors must draw their rifles
from Volunteer Store on Thursday,
April 5th, between 9 a.m. and 12
noon, or 3 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6
p.m.

OFFICERS FOR RANGE DUTY.

The detail of officers on firing
point duty during the Corps Rifle
Meeting is as follows:—

Sunday, April 8th.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:—
2/Lieut. H. R. Forsyth.
2/Lieut. N. L. H. Railton.

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.:—
Lieut. J. Norrie-Owen.
2/Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes.

Monday, April 9th.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:—
2/Lieut. A. Mackenzie.
Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.:—
Lieut. J. E. Hancock.
Lieut. H. C. Macnamara.

Revolver.

Lieut. M. G. Noll and Lieut. J. E.
Hancock.

3.—Musketry.

Sunday, April 15th, 1928.
The Battery will fire Part I. Table
"T" at Stonecutters Range on
Sunday, April 15th, 1928.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. N. L. H.
Railton.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at
9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at
9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional,
but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces
and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters on Friday, April 13th,
between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2
and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on
Saturday, April 14th, between 9
a.m. and 1 p.m.

4.—Arms.

Rifles and bayonets are to be kept
at either Corps or Platoon Head-
quarters, all those who have not re-
turned their rifles will do so at once.

5.—Sergeants' Mess Committee.
There will be a meeting of the
Sergeants' Mess Committee at 8
p.m. on Wednesday, April 11th,
1928, at Volunteer Headquarters.

6.—Command of Company.
Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.,
takes over command of the Portu-
guese Company from to-day's date.

7.—The Battery.

The Battery will parade for in-
struction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday,
April 12th, 1928. It is expected of
all members that they will make a
special effort to attend the remain-
ing drills of this season.

Musketry Part I. see Order No. 3.
8.—Armoured Car Company.
Thursday, April 12th, 1928.

Special Class for Motor Cyclists
under Lieut. J. E. Hancock. Parade
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

9.—No. 2 Platoon.
Parade on Tuesday, April 10th,
and Friday, April 13th, at Corps
Headquarters for M.G. training.
Dress: Multi.

10.—Scottish Company.
Thursday, April 12th, 1928, at 5.30
p.m.

Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Platoons will
parade at Platoon Headquarters for
Guard Mounting and Squad Drill
with arms.

Dress: Multi.
Thursday, April 26th, 1928:—
"Quarry Bay" Cup Competition
will be competed for at Corps Head-
quarters. Details have been circu-
lated separately.

11.—Portuguese Company.
Friday, April 6th:—There will
be no parade.

Tuesday, April 10th:—N.C.O.'s
and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun
Sections parade at Corps Headquar-
ters at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun
training.

Next Company parade on Friday,
April 13th.

(Continued on next Column).

AMERICAN SAILORS AND RUSSIAN DANCERS.

MANY MARRIAGES IN
SHANGHAI.BRITISH SERVICE MEN
HARDER TO CATCH.

SHANGHAI, March 13th.

Dozens of romances originating
in dimly lighted cabarets of Shang-
hai, are blossoming into marriages
between Russian dancing girls and
American service men, writes Mr.
H. Mills of the *United Press*.

Almost every day at the Ameri-
can Consulate one or more Ameri-
can service men lead more-or-less
blushing young Russian brides-to-be
in for the purpose of obtaining a
"marriage licence. Men of the
American navy are, far and away
ahead of the American marines in
this Cupid business. The marines,
apparently, are playing a love-em-
and-leave-em game and not one of
matrimony.

Strangely enough, the majority
of these romances begin in a certain
cabaret, which caters to service men
exclusively from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m.
After that hour the tables blossom
forth with tablecloths, napkins ap-
pear, a new orchestra comes on and
prices soar as the regular Shang-
hai dancers, and visitors, begin their
night of pleasure or quest of
pleasure.

Between 7 p.m. and 11 o'clock,
however, the service men reign
supreme. Here gather the service
men of the world's greatest nations.
Here, too, they vie for the smiles
of young and pretty Russian dan-
cing girls. Conversation is in
many tongues.

It must be borne in mind that the
majority of these service men in
Shanghai are young, strong and
healthy, and according to the girls,
good lovers. Some of them are
fine-looking young men and are
quite attractive to the dancing
girls.

Fix the scene in your mind:
A young service man, say an
American or an Englishman. A
cabaret of rose-coloured lights. Soft
music. The clink of glasses. A
pretty girl. America or England
thousands of miles away.

It is not hard for the service man
to look into smiling young eyes and
speak of love. Suppose the girl is
encouraging. It is not difficult
then to speak of love, marriage, a
home.

Chances are that the dancing
girl is not fond of her manner of
earning a living. She, too, has
dreams of a husband and a home.
Three drinks later the service man
proposes and the girl accepts him.
What happens? The chances are
nine out of ten that either the man
or the maid will have thought bet-
ter of it by the next morning and
there is no marriage. The tenth
time they actually go through with
it. Hence the growing number of
marriages of service men in Shang-
hai.

Marriages between the Russian
girls and the British service men
are rare. They are the best of
friends, however, but the Tommy
seems to want a home or a wife
with a girl of his own nationality
presiding over it.

Several of these cabaret-origina-
ting marriages have already gone on
the rocks, as the records of the
American Court for China will at-
test. Usually it is the girl who
brings suit for divorce.

Quite naturally, the service men
of the various nations frequently
bicker over the attentions of the
dancing girls.

MUSKETRY.

The Portuguese Company will fire
Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters
Range on Sunday, April 22nd, 1928.
Range Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis,
M.C.

12.—Badges for Good Shooting.
The undermentioned have been
awarded badges for the year 1927:
No. 21 L-Sgt. F. C. Goodman.
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score of 104 points. Crown and
Crossed Rifles in wreath.

No. 834 Spt. C. W. E. Bishop,
Engineer Company, best shot of
Corporals and Privates with score
of 108 points. Star and Crossed
Rifles in wreath.

13.—Transfer.
Capt. W. Brackenridge, M.C., is
transferred from the Armoured Car
Company to the Reserve of Officers,
as from April 1st, 1928.

14.—Reversion.
No. 1050 L-Sgt. Corp. W. C. Ogley,
No. 10 Platoon, reverts to the ranks
at his own request, as from April
4th, 1928.

15.—Leave.
The following are granted leave of
absence from the Corps:—
No. 698 Pte. A. T. Stubbs, A.C.
Co., from April 4th, 1928, to April
4th, 1929.

No. 717 Pte. H. E. Strange,
Medical Section, from April 14th to
November 13th, 1928.

R. A. WOLF MURRAY Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, April 5th, 1928.

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Do.	\$214 buy.
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North China Ins.	\$44 buy.
Langkah Insurance	\$44 buy.
China Underwriters	\$245 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$216 nom.
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Do. (Ord)	\$24 nom.
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Langkah (combined)	\$16 nom.
Do. (single)	\$16 nom.
S'hai Explorations	\$16 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$16 nom.
Banque	\$24 nom.
French Mine	\$176 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$140 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$148 sel.
China Provident	\$370 buy, & sa.
Hongkong	\$164 buy.
New Engineering	\$164 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$116 buy, 105 sa.
Ewo Cottons	\$164 buy.
Oriental Cottons	\$164 buy.
S'hai Cottons (old)	\$164 buy.
Do. (new)	\$164 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$164 buy.
H.K. Lands	\$164 buy.
Shanghai Lands	\$164 buy.
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H.K. Territorials	\$164 sel.
H.K. Tramways	\$164 sel.
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Do. (new)	\$164 buy.
Star Feries	\$164 sel.
China Light (comb.)	\$164 buy.
Do. (old)	\$164 buy.
Do. (new)	\$164 buy.
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Macao Electric	\$164 buy.
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China Bank	\$164 buy.
Singapore Tramways	\$164 nom.
China Sugars	\$164 sel.
Malacca Sugars	\$164 nom.
Canton Loan	\$164 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$164 sel.
Do. (old)	\$164 nom.
Do. (new)	\$164 sel.
H.K. Bays (old)	\$164 sel.
Do. (new)	\$164 sel.
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Stockholm	24.03
Vienna	23.02/3
Madrid	77.9
Bucharest	17.21/32
Bombay	1/11.9/10
Yokohama	24.07
Brussels	22.40
Milan	18.90
Copenhagen	18.94
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NAVAL COURT MARTIAL.

COMMANDER DANIEL "GUILTY."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GIBRALTAR, April 3rd.

Commander H. M. Daniel was found guilty by the court-martial of all the charges against him in connection with the incidents on board Rear-Admiral Collard's flagship, H.M.S. Royal Oak.

Speech For The Defence.

Mr. Day Kimball, in a vigorous speech for the defence, declared that if the court-martial recorded a verdict of guilty, the belief now prevalent in the junior ranks of the Royal Navy that complaint meant punishment, would be strengthened.

Captain T. F. Calvert, commander of H.M.S. Froisher, who prosecuted, made an impressive speech in contention that the charges had been proved.

Guilty.

The Court deliberated for 83 minutes before announcing that they had found Commander Daniel guilty of all the charges.

After the verdict had been delivered, Commander Daniel's past record was read, and the Court adjourned to consider the punishment.

After half-an-hour, they returned and the President announced that Commander Daniel would be dismissed from his ship, H.M.S. Cormorant, and be severely reprimanded.

Remains On Half Pay.

H.M.S. Cormorant is the sloop to which Commander Daniel was appointed after he left H.M.S. Royal Oak.

Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard was not present in Court when the sentence was read.

To-day's sentence does not mean dismissal from the Service. Commander Daniel will remain on half-pay until it pleases the Lords of the Admiralty to appoint him to another ship or post.

In Good Faith.

RUMOR, April 3rd.

In his concluding speech, the accused's legal "friend" maintained that Commander Daniel's actions had been performed in good faith, and that even if he were thought guilty of a technical offence, he had been actuated by his concern for the morale of the ship.

The Prosecutor, on the other hand, maintained that Commander Daniel had included in the letter terms which were subversive of discipline and contravened the King's Regulations, and further had publicly read such passages in the ward-room.

Past Incidents.

The method followed by Commander Daniel, said the prosecutor, was highly improper, and might have biased the witnesses at the Malta court of inquiry.

He criticised accused's action in raking up past incidents, declaring that the Navy rule was that complaints must be dealt with immediately, and not allowed to remain dormant until dragged in subsequently.

Such procedure was essential to maintenance of justice.

NEW WEST AFRICAN HARBOUR.

OPENED BY MR. THOMAS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SEKODI, April 4th.

The ex-Colonial Minister, Mr. J. H. Thomas, has opened the new Takoradi Harbour, on the Gold Coast. The harbour covers 200 acres and cost £4,000,000.

VISCOUNT'S MOTOR CRASH.

SERIOUS CONDITION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUMOR, April 3rd.

A telegram from Belleville-sur-Saone states that the condition of Viscount Trematon, the eldest son of the Earl of Athlone, and nephew of Queen Mary, who is in hospital there suffering from severe injuries sustained in a tragic car accident on the Paris-Lyons road, has taken a turn for the worse.

GERMAN INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

STRIKE OF METAL WORKERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, April 3rd.

Twenty thousand Saxon metal workers have downed tools bringing a large number of workshops to a standstill.

Saxon industrialists are to attend a meeting on April 5th, which has been convened to consider the question of imposing a lockout on all metal-workers.

LANCASHIRE COTTON TRADE.

ITS ONLY SALVATION.

INTEREST IN THE COMBINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 3rd.

A further attempt is being made by the Cotton-Spinners and Manufacturers to secure the co-operation of the operatives in the movement to reduce production costs.

The Federation of Master Cotton-Spinners Associations and the Manufacturers Associations have invited representatives of the cotton trade unions to a conference to be held after Easter.

The nature of the proposals have not been stated but wages will be considered, and the employers will stress the importance of 48 hours of effective production, this referring to the fact that some part of the present working week is spent in cleaning machinery and so on.

Textile Corporation.

Under the scheme promoted by the Cotton Yarn Association for the proposed combine of the mills in the American section of the industry, the combine will be called the "Lancashire Textile Corporation Limited."

The support of the owners of at least 2,000,000 spindles is required before formation of the combine will be considered.

Mr. J. J. Tattersall, presiding at a meeting of the Association to-day, said that 64 mills, representing 5,700,000 spindles had already sent in their balance sheets.

This did not necessarily mean that they had joined the scheme, but indicated that they were interested in it.

Working Capital.

Three banks holding 75 per cent. of the cotton trade are prepared to receive applications from mills giving favourable consideration to the proposals.

He did not doubt that buyers all over the world would trade with the Corporation if formed.

Mr. Tattersall also stated that he had no fears as regards the finance. The working capital was obtainable in many ways.

All Lancashire knew, he declared, that amalgamation was its only salvation.

WOMAN, INSPIRED OF EX-BURGLARS.

FORTY CROOKS TAUGHT TO RUN STRAIGHT.

"BOUNDLESS FAITH."

There is in the East End of London a little band of men who form the League of the Straight Road. They have nearly all been imprisoned—usually for theft, many once worked together as shop-breakers.

Their inspiration is a woman whose boundless faith in human nature has worked wonders.

She is Miss Marjorie Evan-Thomas, a visionary with a practical turn of mind, who described to a Daily Express representative the aims of the league and the romance of its beginnings.

An Exclusive Set.

"During the war," said Miss Evan-Thomas, "I met an ex-burglar, who had done well in the Army after being released from Dartmoor for the purpose of serving. He introduced me to his friends, and in this way I was given the freedom of an exclusive set."

"When a man comes out of prison he may have anything in his mind from murder to a monastery," continued Miss Evan-Thomas. "There are always a handful who hunger to run straight. The League of the Straight Road gives these men their chance."

The organization is run by the men themselves. They choose and vouch for all candidates, who must be under twenty-seven years of age.

A term of probation must be served before full membership, and it takes character and determination to qualify.

"You cannot say to a man 'Be good and live on air,'" said Miss Evan-Thomas. "Employment is the first necessity. Employers have helped splendidly, and their help has been amply justified. Only once in seven years has a member of the league let his employer down."

Another Chance.

"I have here a letter from a lad serving a sentence for a jewel theft," she continued. "he will be released in May, and the men have decided to readmit him to the league and give him another chance. Usually a conviction means expulsion so hard. At eight he had to fend for himself, and at sixteen he was an accomplished crook."

"He was twenty-one when he joined the league and made a most magnificent effort to make good. Then one day, in an impulsive moment, he slipped back and attempted this theft."

The League of the Straight Road has forty members and runs two flourishing football teams. It meets in the crypt of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and at All Hallows, Mark Lane.

THE NANKING SETTLEMENT.

(Continued from Page 7.)

A New Epoch.

The Second additional Note from General Hwang Fu expresses the hope that a new epoch will begin in the diplomatic relations between China and the United States and suggests that further steps may be taken for the revision of existing treaties and the readjustment of outstanding questions on the basis of equality and mutual respect for territorial sovereignty.

Mr. MacMurray in reply says that although the question of treaty revision can scarcely be considered germane to that of amends to the American Government and its nationals for the Nanking Incident, the American Minister is not averse to setting forth what he had already made known in that regard in the course of his conversation with General Hwang Fu last month.

Traditional Friendship.

It is unnecessary to recall, says Mr. MacMurray, traditional friendship between America and China. It is manifest alike from the course of action consistently pursued by the American Government and from Mr. Kellogg's statement of policy on January 27th, 1927.

"That the United States Government and people are in full sympathy with the desire of the Chinese people to develop a sound national life of their own and to realize their aspirations for sovereignty as far as possible unrestricted by obligations of an exceptional character."

Opportunity For Revision.

"That in view of this, the American Government entertains the hope that the remedying of the conditions which necessitated the incorporation of such provisions in earlier treaties may from time to time afford opportunities for the revision—in due form and by mutual consent—of such treaty stipulations as may have become unnecessary or inappropriate."

"To that end the American Government looks forward to the hope that there may be developed an administration so far representative of the Chinese people and so far exercising real authority as to be capable of assuring the actual fulfilment in good faith of any obligations such as China would have of necessity, for its part, to undertake incidentally to the desired readjustment of treaty relations."

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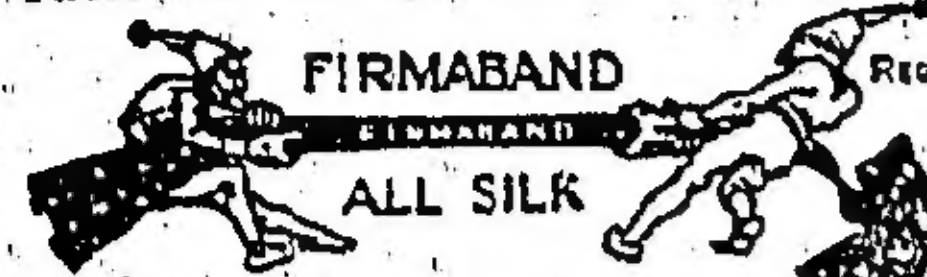
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BUILDING DISPUTE AT THE
SUPREME COURT.

The case was continued in the Supreme Court yesterday, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in which the Ng Hing Company are claiming \$43,258.42 from the Hang Yip Company, Ltd., for work done and materials supplied, while the Hang Yip Company are counter-claiming for \$24,000, stating that bricks of an inferior quality were used.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon is for the plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin are for defendant.

At the outset Mr. Sheldon accepted Mr. Potter's estimate of 2,500,000 as the number of bricks used. The bricks actually used were larger than the sample.

Mok Chi Nam, managing partner of the To Fong brick shop, 59, Queen's Road West, said that his firm were the biggest brick dealers in the Colony. He himself had had 20 years experience in the brick trade.

Kwangtung Bricks.

In Hong Kong the bricks principally used were manufactured in Kwangtung. The Nam Kong were the best quality and other makes were Shs Wong, Tung Kong, and Honam. Those were made in different kinds of kilns and each class of brick was sub-divided into three classes and sold at different prices. They were the best, middle, and the cheapest kind, and their quality was determined by the amount of burning they received in the kiln.

On February 28th he took 10 samples from the bricks being used for the houses in the dispute and two days later he took nine more.

After examining the samples in Court witness said they were all either from Honam or Tung Kong. None of them were from the Nam Kong kilns. The bricks also varied, all three classes being included. At the end of 1924, when the bricks were used for the building of the houses, the average price of those taken from the houses would be about \$175 per 10,000. At the same time the price of superior Nam Kong bricks, small size, which were required under the contract for the houses, would be about \$240 per 10,000.

Witness said that in Nam Kong there were 20 or 30 kilns and they all turned out the same size small Nam Kong brick.

Mr. Sheldon said that 500,000 superior Nam Kong bricks, small size, were stated to have been sold to the contractor and he asked witness if he could say whether those bricks had been put into the houses.

Witness agreed that he certainly could not say and that his samples might have missed the Nam Kong bricks.

Mr. Potter: When Mr. Jenkin replies you may be sure he will say that it was an extraordinary coincidence that none of the Nam Kong bricks should be found in the samples.

Cross-examination.

Witness produced books relating to the sale of bricks and after referring him to a number of entries Mr. Sheldon suggested in cross-examination that there was nothing whatever in the book to show that small size Nam Kong superior bricks were at an average price of \$240 per 10,000. Witness agreed that the specific name of the bricks was not mentioned. He deducted from the prices what classes of bricks were referred to.

Mr. Sheldon suggested that at the end of 1924 the price of the required bricks was between \$180 and \$200 per 10,000.

Witness: Bricks of that quality were never sold at that price.

Defendant's Evidence.

Ho Kwai Hoi, one of the defendants, was then called.

Mr. Potter: It has been suggested by plaintiff that you and the plaintiff and Mr. Anderson went to two brick shops and that you chose the bricks for the job. Did that happen?

Defendant said that he had continually complained about the bricks used but he had, on one occasion, allowed the plaintiff to use 100,000 inferior bricks as the latter declared that he could not get the bricks required.

Various Expenses.

The plaintiff left a quantity of earth on the site and refused to remove it so defendant paid \$900 to another contractor to take it away. He had also paid \$600 to the Government for water rent, being water used by the plaintiff in erecting the houses. Explaining another of his claims, \$240 for completing drainages works, defendant said the plaintiff had joined the drains to an open nullah. This was not allowed and he had had to pay for joining the drains to a Government sewer as the plaintiff would not do that work.

(Continued on next Column).

FROM THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT.

HARBOURING AND PROCURING CHARGE.

DEFENDANT'S VERSION OF THE STORY.

Au Shun, a Chinese woman who is charged with harbouring girls and procuring "business" for them, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

It will be remembered that a man was charged jointly with this woman and on pleading guilty, he was sentenced to nine months' hard labour on Friday last. The woman defendant said in evidence yesterday that she was only helping the girls and that she had acted as go-between for one of them to get married to a fish-monger.

The marriage ceremony was performed and the girl was bride to the man for only one night when he discovered that she was already pregnant. He sent her away the next morning and defendant was called upon to defray all expenses which the man had incurred in connection with the marriage.

The Girl From Canton.

Defendant went into the witness-box yesterday to give evidence on her own behalf. She said that the girl from Canton was brought to her house by a small-footed woman named Chow Yee Koo. The girl borrowed \$60 from her, which she gave her in three instalments.

The newcomer represented to defendant that she was an actress by profession and had been playing for three nights at Tai Po Hing Theatre for which she received \$120. The girl also said that she had been playing in a restaurant for one night.

The girl from Canton and Chow Yee Koo stayed in defendant's house as paying guests. On March 19th, defendant asked the girl to return the money which she had borrowed, and Chow Yee Koo then went to Canton saying that she was going there to raise the money to repay witness. Before she left she instructed the girl to accuse her (witness) of this crime.

Witness denied kidnapping the girl and said that had she done so, the girl would have had many opportunities of running away. She went to Taipo once, to act there and she was not accompanied by anyone.

A Good Son's Evidence.

A Chinese waiter in Kam Ling Restaurant, who said that he was a god-son to the defendant, gave corroborative evidence. He said that on enquiries being made, he

found that the girl had no mother in Canton and that no woman by that name had been hit by a stray bullet in the "Red", upheaval. He further added that in view of the fact that the girl could not sing well enough for her profession, the defendant had engaged an instructor for her.

Witness added that at the Police Station, the girl accused him of making love to her and for that reason he had been detained for three nights by the Police.

Witness said that as regards the girl who was pregnant, the defendant had arranged a marriage for her to a man. This man took her as wife for only one night. He discovered that she was pregnant and sent her away the next morning. The defendant had to defray all expenses incurred by the man.

Want Her To Marry "Diamond."

Defendant was then recalled to give her version of the story concerning another girl. She said that this girl came to her house to hire a cubicle, saying that she had been sent there by a friend. Witness refused to harbour her, but the girl would not leave. She threatened to commit suicide if she were driven out of the house. Witness could do nothing but to let her have a place to live in.

Witness had advised the girl to marry a fish-monger called "Diamond." The case was adjourned until Saturday morning.

A Lost Sample.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness said that neither the architect nor any of the defendants had appointed anyone to inspect the bricks when landed from the junks. Witness further admitted that at the arbitration proceedings, the architect gave the plaintiff a different sample of brick than the one originally given to him. It appeared that the architect, Mr. Basto, had lost the original sample, so I told him that if the Chinese version of the contract was not carried out, I would pay the contractor. My contract called for Nam Kong bricks and I was sure that the plaintiff had not used the kind of bricks I specified.

When asked by Mr. Sheldon whether or not Nam Kong bricks were better, witness said he could not definitely determine, but in his opinion, he was sure that the sample he had given to Mr. Basto was of better quality than the ones used on the building.

Different Earth.

Questioned as to the earth deposited on his site, witness said that he felt sure that the earth and debris were from his own site, although the plaintiff had stated that they were dumped there by another contractor engaged on a building opposite to mine.

Mr. Sheldon: What was the first thing you did about it? I request my solicitor to write to the contractor engaged on a building opposite to mine and requested him to remove them.

Mr. Sheldon: So at that time you presumed that the earth was left there by the other contractor and not by the plaintiff?—Yes, until I received proof of the contrary.

Mr. Sheldon: What was the proof?—The other contractor showed me the earth dug out from his site which was entirely different from the earth excavated from my site. Earth from my site was more moist and darker in colour.

Mr. Sheldon: Did you give the plaintiff a chance to prove that the earth was not left there by him?—Yes, when I received the proof, I invited him to come along with me to the other contractor, but he refused.

Mr. Sheldon: The mere fact that the plaintiff did not come with you made you think that he had dumped the earth there?—I formed no opinion until I saw the proof.

Witness was questioned at some length regarding the foundation. He said that when he discovered that the foundation was being built with different materials which he had specially contracted for. He instructed his architect to employ a European overseer to take charge of the work. The man taken on was a Russian who proved to be of no use to him as he could not understand what the man was talking about.

The case was then adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

BANKING AND POLITICAL
DISTURBANCES.HOW THE BANK OF CANTON
SUFFERED.NO BUSINESS AT HANKOW
BRANCH IN 1927.

The seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., was held yesterday in the Bank's Board Room. Mr. Li Yuk Tong, the Chairman of the Board, presided and he was supported by the following directors:—Messrs. Li Sing Kui, Choy Chong, Li Yuk Mui, Lau Siu Wan, Tam Woon Tong, Li Po Kwai, Chan Fu Cheung, and Li Tsz Chung (Manager).

Shareholders present were Messrs. Kwan Shu John, Lam Kui Leung, Cheng Yuet Po, S. M. Churn, Ng Chook Chuen, J. H. Law, Tam Tsz Tang, Lui Shiu Ching, Yau Sam Sing, Yuen Seng Kam, Li Shu Fong, Choy Tin Yat, Leung Yuk San, and Li Ping Chiu.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts said:—I might mention that our net profit for the year under review is much less than that of the preceding year mainly due to the political disturbances which caused the suspension of all business in Hankow for practically the whole year of 1927. Under such circumstances our branch there could not do any business during that year while the same conditions also prevailed in Canton throughout the latter half of the same year.

Our branches in these two cities have had a very trying time during the disturbed period but all our other branches have been able to make a fair profit. However I am glad that general conditions appear to look a little brighter at present, and we hope to see better results in the workings of the present year. With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

The adoption of the Report and Accounts was seconded by Mr. Choy Chong and carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors. The election of 4 Directors was adjourned to the 24th instant. The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready on the 12th instant for delivery on application.

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ENGINEERS AND
SHIPBUILDERS.INSTITUTION'S ANNUAL
MEETING.

"QUIET IF NOT BRILLIANT
PROGRESS."

"JUSTICE BEFORE GENERO-
SITY."

The 37th annual general meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong was held yesterday with Mr. G. J. Harmon in the chair.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet said: In presenting the annual report your Committee is pleased to be able to report a year of quiet, if not brilliant progress in face of one of the worst years in the modern history of the Colony. The last times through which we have all passed has reflected itself on our membership in the fact that a very large number of men had had to be placed on the absent members list. These members are, for the time being, non-contributory.

This has seriously reduced our income and hence our spending power and we have had to curtail expenses to a paying for bare necessities. However, in spite of it all, we have kept our head above water and with the hope for a return to normal conditions we shall still keep the old flag flying and move ahead again with our old vigour.

Our fiction library still justifies its existence. Its circulation is still growing and our technical library is in course of reconstruction and will shortly be opened again for the use of members.

Interesting Papers.

Three most interesting papers were read by members who are specialists in the subjects treated and it is a matter of regret that more interest was not shown by larger attendances and thus in some measure re-imburse the gentlemen for their time and trouble preparing them. We shall endeavor to arrange for more papers next season and two are already promised. The social side of our activities has not been neglected. Billiards have not flourished so greatly as in former years but we have completed five competitions and the prizes are here for presentation this evening.

Two dances were held and were much enjoyed by those present, which goes to show that in spite of dinner dances everywhere these more domestic gatherings are appreciated.

Accounts.

Turning to the accounts you will see that we have made a profit, very small I admit, but after the loss sustained in the previous year, I feel optimistic enough to hope that it is the commencement of the return to normal working. Our property has been carefully and fully written down in view of the necessity for renewals. Our investments are of the soundest description and I would here pay a tribute to the very great assistance your committee has derived from the valuable advice of your Hon. Treasurer.

CHARITABLE GRANTS.

Referring to the Institution's charitable grants the chairman said he thought it advisable to submit a brief comment on the accounts for 1927 before he left the matter in the members' hands for decision.

Briefly they had made a net profit for 1927 after providing for depreciation in furniture, billiard tables and library of only \$296.74, as against a net loss for 1926 of \$1,105.64. During last year Hong Kong Government War Loan amounting to \$4,000 was redeemed and \$5,000 was withdrawn from fixed deposit and \$10,000 invested in Hong Kong Government 6 per cent Public Works Loan. As regards the withdrawal from fixed deposit this was needed in large measure to pay the donations to charities of \$200 and \$300 sanctioned by the members at the 1927 annual meeting. \$1,000 went towards their investment in the Public Works Loan while the balance was absorbed in the normal course of 1927 business.

The chairman quoted statistics showing the profit and sums paid to charity from the year 1918 onwards and said that during the years they made substantial profits they contributed in a liberal manner to charities. That was rightly so but the time had now come he submitted when they should call a halt and conserve their resources in order to face possible future lean years—the aftermath of the recently political troubles through which the Colony had passed. It was not a pleasant duty to inform members that donations to charity should now cease, or at least that they should curtail them, but charity began at home and they needed the money.

Looking round the Institution it could not be denied that extensive improvements to furniture and fittings, possible purchase of new furniture, improvements to the billiard tables increase in library funds internal renovation of premises and many other details which must cause the various sub-committees much thought. To effect these improvements they would have to break into their cash reserves as they would cost, if properly done, some hundreds of dollars. It might be said, continued the chairman, that they could well afford to continue donations to charities as there was now at credit in fixed deposits \$23,000 as well as \$10,000 invested in Public Works Loan. That was admitted, but on the other hand there were the improvements he had mentioned which had to be considered.

In conclusion he pointed out that his report had been supplied on his request by the Hon. Treasurer as a constructive criticism of the Institution's finances with relation to the annual contributions to charities. He trusted that members would understand the position in which the Institution was placed. He submitted with the utmost regret that in the circumstances it was clear that they must be just before they were generous.

PROPOSED RENOVATION OF CLUB.

Several members spoke on the urgent need of the renovation of the club premises, and supported the suggestion of the Chairman, that money allocated in former years to charity should be reserved during the current year for this purpose.

It was pointed out in the course of discussion that the Club had in the past contributed as much as 40 per cent of its earnings to charity and that it was the only club in the Colony which gave to charity out of earnings in this manner. They had done more than their share and in the interests of the Club a halt must be called.

With regard to the library it was thought that the dignity and interests of the Club would be best served by the expenditure of money on much needed improvements. The books should be kept clean by enclosed shelves and the place be made more attractive for the wives and daughters of the members. The circulation was estimated at about 60 volumes a day and it was suggested that should the necessary improvements be made the circulation would be very considerably increased.

The decision to cease contributing to charity during the present year proposed by Mr. O. C. Manners and seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey, was passed.

Distribution of Prizes.

Prizes won by members during the past year were then distributed by the President.

Election of Officers.

The retiring President thanked the Committee and members for the help they had given him during his term of office and proposed that Mr. W. J. Stokes be elected in his place for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected:—President: Mr. W. J. Stokes. Vice-Presidents: Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. L. J. Blackburn. Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Landsberg. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. J. J. Martin. Hon. Librarian: Mr. W. J. Stokes. Auditors: Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors at the usual fee.

The following members were elected to serve on the committee:—Messrs. G. J. Harmon, W. J. Hill, J. Ormiston, G. P. Taylor, P. T. Farrell, W. Russell, L. O. F. Bellamy, A. H. McBride, J. Brook, T. F. Bradford, R. Hunter, and E. W. Blackmore.

CANTON ON ITS GUARD.

ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RED COUP.

TWENTY EXECUTIONS.

CONFIDENCE BEING RESTORED.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 4th.

The general situation in Canton continues to improve and the crisis is over, the merchants and middle classes are breathing much more easily than a few days ago. Many who had gone to Hong Kong returned to Canton yesterday. Business in the city is going on as usual, although the money exchangers in the Sun Hong and elsewhere are still closing their shops at an unusually early hour. In striking contrast with the last few days, the city is quiet. The Central Bank of Canton notes which, in face of the persistent rumours had slumped to 40 per cent. last Sunday and Monday, are now quoting at 83. So far no trouble of any sort has arisen and the outlook is bright. According to money exchangers, who usually know the trend of the political situation, further rise in the value of the banknote is expected.

RIGID MARTIAL LAW.

At night, however, the whole city is still under rigid martial law. Soldiers from the Canton Garrison in co-operation with the police and the Merchants' Volunteer Corps are stationed on all the principal thoroughfares of the city, vigilantly guarding against any possible trouble. At night no one is allowed to pass from one street to another without questioning and probable searching. All vehicles, whether they be rickshaws or automobiles, are stopped and searched. Sometimes these vehicles are not allowed to pass. Thus in front of the Central Police Station on Wai Sun Road neither vehicles nor pedestrians are allowed to pass after seven or eight o'clock in the evening. All the sub-police headquarters in the city and soldiers quarters are likewise maintained in a state of emergency. The number of men on patrol, which was heavily increased last Saturday, is still the same. At night the streets are heavily guarded. All this suggests that the authorities took a serious view of the danger of an outbreak by the Communists and other outlaws.

RAIDS ON SUSPECTS.

The Canton authorities are leaving no stone unturned in protection of the city. According to a Government official any suspicious person will be immediately taken to jail. Any shop, however, or labour union under suspicion will be raided. During the last few days several stores were raided. In a raided rice shop on Sun Fat Po were found many rifles and a lot of red cloth strips. In a newly opened store in the northern section of the city, it is reported, a crate full of explosives was discovered. In a place near Sai Kwa Yuen two persons were found in possession of automatic pistols. These spectacular raids by police and soldiers have instilled great fear in the people.

MARSHAL LI CABLED FOR.

The Provincial Administration has issued orders to its various district magistrates to be on guard against any possible trouble. The Provincial Kuomintang has last night cabled to Marshal Li Tsi Hsin at Nanking, requesting him to return to Canton at once. Many people in Canton, especially the merchants and the middle class, are of the opinion that unless the Marshal comes back Canton will never be free from fear and apprehension. According to official information Marshal Li, together with General Chen Ming Shu, has promised to come back in the very near future, although no exact date has been mentioned.

VENGEANCE TAKEN.

Yesterday saw the execution of no less than twenty persons on the East Parade Ground, most of whom were below thirty. One fellow was 17 years of age. Eleven or twelve of these condemned people were caught last week in the raid on a Communist rendezvous near the Government arsenal at Sak Cheung. The rest were either bandits or Communists. When paraded through the streets on their way to face the firing squad, many of these outlaws shouted inflammatory slogans and sang Communist songs.

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BAD JOSS?

CAUSES FIRE IN CENTRAL DISTRICT.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON EXCITEMENT.

That "jossing" for luck can bring the contrary seemed the experience of the inmates of No. 11, Lower Arbuthnot Road, yesterday. On the second floor of this building, a certain Chinese pious woman was burning joss offerings to the various deities and the answer to her prayers came quickly and unexpectedly, but not in the way she wanted. The sparks caused by the burning of joss papers in her cubicle ignited the mosquito curtain of her bed, and being a rather nervous woman, she was at a loss to know what to do.

She stood there watching the fire spreading in bewilderment, and before she realised the danger of the house, was in a mass of flame. The call was sent to Central Fire Brigade, and within a very short space of time, several appliances were on the scene. The fire, however, had got a good hold of the building, and it took the brigade some time to get it under control. Two floors had been involved before the fire was extinguished.

Panemonium broke loose in the district. Inmates of adjoining houses were seen rushing out of their premises with odds and ends in their hands. Within a few minutes of the alarm, hundreds of Chinese were attracted to the spot, and the police had much difficulty in forming a cordon and keeping the spectators at a distance where they would not hinder the fire-fighters.

The house, it was understood, was not insured and the amount of the damage done was not ascertainable.

JAPANESE COLLIER ON FIRE.

FIRE FLOATS SUMMONED.

There was also a fire on board the Japanese collier *Somedono Maru*, starting on Tuesday night, and yesterday the fire floats had to be summoned.

Efforts were made by the crew to subside the outbreak, which was probably due to spontaneous combustion of her coal cargo.

The matter proved more serious than at first imagined and assistance from shore was called for. Floats were despatched this morning and the full force of the monitors were soon flooding the notice. By noon, the blaze was extinguished, but the equipment remained on the spot as a precaution against further outbreaks. The ship is light, being well above her marks, and is on an even keel.

The *Somedono Maru* arrived from Calcutta and Singapore on Monday with 8,000 tons of coal of which 3,700 tons were for local discharge. The bulk of her local cargo had been discharged before the fire was observed.

A steamer of 5,133 tons gross and 3,175 tons net, her dimensions are: Length, 400 feet; beam, 54.5 feet; and moulded depth, 30 feet; with engines by the builders to 495 N.H.P. The O.S.K. are the local agents and she is commanded by Captain Y. Yashuda, with a crew of Japanese.

CEMENT FACTORY CLOSED.

The Kwangtung Cement Factory, once a most flourishing industrial commercial enterprise organized by the late Viceroy Chang Chi Tung, is again closed. The reasons, according to reliable informants, are two fold; viz., poor management and bad products. The former, it is said, was due to the recent change of employees; while the latter was attributed to the decay of the machinery. At the beginning the Factory was operated and run by the Government. Heavy profits had been realized in days gone by. Then on account of the successive political changes in recent years, coupled with piracy and foreign competition, it has been a losing proposition. For a long while it was idle. The Government then rented the plant and factory to a private company at the reduced cost of \$15,000 per month. Its former rental had been \$30,000. According to those connected with the Factory, the machinery is more than 30 years old and is in a state of decay. Unless the plant is re-equipped with modern machinery, no profit can be realized in spite of the excellent raw material not far from the city.

MEMORIAL DAY.

To-morrow being Memorial Day the Provincial Administration has declared a general holiday. The customary Chinese pilgrimage to the graves of their relatives will be made to-morrow, when wines, meat, incense, fire-crackers and a hundred and one things Chinese will be propitiously offered to the venerable dead. The Government will send soldiers to all the outlying hills of Canton to protect the grave worshippers and cleaners.

SWATOW NORMAL.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

April 3rd.
The situation in Swatow is now normal.

ENLARGING THE C.S.O.

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION IMPERATIVE.

ADDITIONAL STOREY TO BE BUILT.

ESTIMATED COST \$103,000.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this (Thursday) afternoon, sanction will be asked for a vote of \$103,000 in order to provide increased accommodation in the office of the Colonial Secretary.

A memorandum on the subject states:—

The Colonial Secretary's Office Building remains much as it was thirty years ago. The expansion of the work and of the staff, with the accelerated increase of records, has made the provision of extra accommodation without delay imperative. Sectional additions have been considered, but would prove inconvenient and in the long run expensive; and it is estimated that the work now proposed will suffice for the next ten or fifteen years.

It consists of the construction of an additional storey to provide increased accommodation for the Secretariat. Temporary accommodation while the work is in progress will be provided by leasing one floor of the French Bank Building. It will be necessary to incur certain expenditure to arrange the floor to the requirements of the Secretariat; and certain further expenditure will be necessary for the housing of that portion of the staff of the Public Works Department which will have to vacate their present offices in the Colonial Secretary's Office Building while the work is in progress. It is estimated that the sum of \$103,000 will cover the whole expenditure involved.

PURCHASE OF DUNEDIN, BARKER ROAD.

Other votes will be asked for, making a total, with the above, of \$133,892.

Of this amount \$25,000 is required for the purchase of No. 405, The Peak. It is stated that advantage was taken of an opportunity to purchase No. 405, The Peak ("Dunedin," Barker Road), a house suitable and suitably situated to serve as additional staff quarters for the Victoria Hospital. The recent extension of the Hospital necessitates extra staff quarters.

OTHER VOTES.

A sum of \$835 is required by the Land Registry. Owing to the appointment of Mr. Jacks, Land Officer, to act as Puisne Judge and his departure on leave subsequently, it was necessary to appoint the Assistant Land Officer to act as Land Officer and another officer to act as Assistant Land Officer. The additional sum required after taking account of savings on Mr. Jacks' salary is \$835.

The H.K.V.D.C. require \$1,459—\$370 for the payment of the self-starter ordered for the Armoured Car and fitted in November, 1927, which is in the nature of a re-vote and \$1,089 to cover allowances for Officers and N.C.O.'s undergoing training in the United Kingdom.

The Police want \$2,500 for the purchase of three 3-pounder guns and ammunition. The present armament of police cruising launches is machine guns. It is intended to substitute 3-pounder guns for the machine guns in three police cruising launches.

The disposal of the Fanning Branch Line permanent way necessitates a vote of \$4,073. The Government decided to close down the Fanning Branch Line from April 1st, 1928, and to pull up the track and bring in to Kowloon the rolling stock and permanent way materials. This involves the expenditure of approximately \$4,973 for which there is no provision in this year's estimates.

The estimated saving by not working the line from April 1st to December 31st is \$13,843. Less 9 months' earnings based at that of the past 3 months, 2,968.

Total \$10,875.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Preceding the Finance Committee there will be a meeting of the Legislative Council.

The agenda includes the first reading of "An Ordinance to suppress and prevent abuses in the management of Chinese temples and in the administration of the funds of Chinese temples." This will be moved by the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow.

The Ordinances to come up for a second reading are the Pensions Amendment Ordinance, the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, an Ordinance for the incorporation of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Ordinance to give effect to the

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THE "HERMES" TRAGEDY.

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS.

IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT HAPPY VALLEY.

A very impressive funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon when the victims of the terrible seaplane crash, Flying Officer A. W. B. Hale, R.A.F., Lieut. J. H. P. Graham, R.N., and Telegraphist Jackson were buried with full service honours.

Huge crowds had collected at the Monument and were awaiting the passing of the cortege, which included many Naval and Military Officers representing all service units in the Colony.

Those present at the Monument included Capt. A. J. W. Whyte, representing H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., Major-General C. C. Luard, G.O.C. South China Command, Commodore Pearson, Colonel Comyns (commanding the King's Own Scottish Borderers), Major Allen (D.A.A.Q.M.G.), Major Lynch (R.A.M.C., commanding the 27th Company), Colonel T. A. Robertson, Mr. H. R. Phillips, Mr. J. S. Graham (Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.), Mr. A. J. May (Wesleyan Soldiers' and Sailors' Home). There were also Officers and men representing the Portuguese Naval vessels, the *Patric* and the transport *Toro de Alenquer*, All Naval and Military and Air Force Groups were represented, and Naval Officers wore their full ceremonial uniforms.

The funeral procession left the Naval and Military Hospital at 4.30 p.m. headed by Capt. Hopwood, C.B.E., of H.M.S. *Hermes*. Following him was the firing squad of sailors from the *Hermes*. The band preceded the three coffins which were wrapped in the Union Jack and placed on gun carriers, hauled by sailors. Directly following the coffins were marines in full dress uniform C.P.O.'s, P.O.'s, and Naval and Military men of all ranks. A detachment from the Portuguese gunboat *Patric* and transport *Toro de Alenquer* brought up at the rear. A detachment of the Hong Kong Police Force were also present. The Commissioned Officers were gathered at the Monument and lined up in double file. They came to the salute as the cortege passed and then slowly followed the procession. The Band played the dead march up to the gate of the Cemetery.

The procession extended well over half-a-mile. On arrival at the entrance to the Cemetery the coffins were taken off the gun carriers and borne by sailors and Air Force men to their respective resting places. The Rev. F. Freeman met the procession and walked slowly ahead reading the opening sentences. The coffins were placed beside the graves, and the bearers of each coffin stood to attention. The firing squad lined up at one end, and the Naval and Military Officers were at the other.

The service conducted by the Rev. F. Freeman was deeply impressive, each grave being visited for the committal prayers before the coffins were lowered. On the command the firing squad fired three volleys, and finally Marine buglers from the *Hermes* sounded the Last Post. Headed by Capt. Hopwood the Naval Officers and Flying Officers bade their comrades a last farewell in the form of a salute.

The Wreaths.

There were numerous floral tributes, many taking the form of an airplane, while others were tied with beautiful silk ribbons.

In affectionate remembrance on behalf of the family from Lily Graham Illiff and Arthur; H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard and Headquarters Staff, Lady Tyrwhitt and family.

Wreaths from H.M.S. *Hermes*: Captain and Officers; Officers and men 403 Flight; Officers, Petty Officers and men of the Communication Division; Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of 440 Flight; Ship's Company, Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers; Leading Stokers and Stokers; Warrant Officers; Officers, Petty Officers and men of the Quarter Deck Division; Fleet Air Arm; Brother Officers of the "Drake" Tern.

Officers, R.A.F. Base, Kai Tak; N.C.O.'s and Airman, Cameron Road Camp; Officers and Airman; Accounts Office; Kai Tak Telegraphists; Other ranks, Kai Tak. Ward Room Officers of H.M.S. *Titanic* and Submarine; Communication Branch of H.M.S. *Titanic*; War Room Officers, H.M.S. *Tamara*; Captain and Ward Room Officers, H.M.S. *Peterfield*; Captain, Officers and Ship's Company, H.M.S. *Comflower*.

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change in name and style of the office of the P.C.M.O.

The Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen will be dealt with in Committee and will come up for its third reading.

It is understood that counsel will address the Council in Committee on behalf of parties interested in the Watchmen's Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"TELEVISION," "PHOTO-RADIO" AND "FAC-SIMILE."

(TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—In a paragraph which recently appeared in a number of newspapers dealing with an advertisement concerning the Province of Buenos Aires Loan—transmitted by wireless from New York to London, the process by which this advertisement was transmitted was described as Television, and the heading put up "Advertisements by Television." This is not correct.

Seeing that Television is now frequently mentioned in the newspapers we think it might not be out of place if we draw your attention to the fact that there is a distinct difference between Television and Photofacsimile or Facsimile transmission. Television is essentially the reproduction at a distance of things that are actually happening at the moment. This has not yet been put into practice commercially.

Photofacsimile or Facsimile transmission is, on the other hand, the transmission by electrical means of still pictures and of documents and diagrams of various kinds which are received in the exact form in which they are transmitted. This system has been in commercial use between the Radio Corporation of America's station in New York and the Marconi Company's station in London, since May, 1923.

As references to these different processes are likely to be frequent in the near future you might find it useful to draw attention to this fundamental distinction between these methods.

Yours faithfully,
MARCONI'S WIRELESS TELEGRAPH Co., Ltd.
W. G. RICHARDS,
Chief of Publicity Department,
London, March 8th.

OPIUM SMOKER FINED.

\$200 FOR HIS RATION FOR A VOYAGE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell a Chinese and a well-dressed elderly man were jointly charged with the possession of 3 taels of illicit opium on the *Tai Lee*.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, pleaded guilty, and said that the older man admitted that he was the owner of the drug. He wanted a small quantity to use during his voyage on the *s.s. Tai Lee*. The quantity was small and the man was an opium-smoker not a smuggler. He was the son of a well-known merchant in the Colony, known to Mr. Lo.

Inspector Spear, who prosecuted, agreed to Mr. Lo's suggestion that the charge against the youth be withdrawn.

Mr. Lindsell: One purpose of the Ordinance is to protect the revenue.

Mr. Lo: That is so. I understand without some kind of permit he would not have been able to take out even Government opium. That would be exportation.

Mr. Lindsell: Still the Government would have secured the original payment for that opium. This is illicit opium.

Mr. Lo: I agree, but your Worship must make some distinction between smuggling for gain and taking out a small quantity for one's own consumption.

The Magistrate discharged the youth with a caution, and fined the man \$200.

Lieut.-Colonel R. G. Clarke and Officers of the Queen's Royal Regiment; Officers, R.A.M.C. No. 2 Company, R.A.M.C.; Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess, Royal Engineers; Officers, Royal Artillery; Officers of 2nd Bn. Scots Guards; Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird and Officers of H.K.V.D.C.
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Chief Inspector P. Grant, Sergeants Mess, Central Police Station, Members of the Hong Kong Police Force.

Colonel T. A. Robertson, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave and staff of Seamen's Institute, Mr. H. R. Phillips, Mr. Harry Field, Committee and Members of the Hong Kong Club, the Malayan Chinese Football team, Wing Fat & Co., (Canton, H.M.S. *Hermes*), Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., Portuguese Transport *Toro de Alenquer*.

MACAO'S SYMPATHY.

H.E. the Governor received the following telegram from H.E. the Governor of Macao on Tuesday:—

Kindly accept in my name and that of the Colony the profoundest sympathy at the death of the three British airmen in the distressing accident—TAMAGORIST.

H.E. the Governor replied:—
The Colony of Hong Kong and the Flying Services greatly appreciate Your Excellency's message of sympathy.—CLEMENTI.

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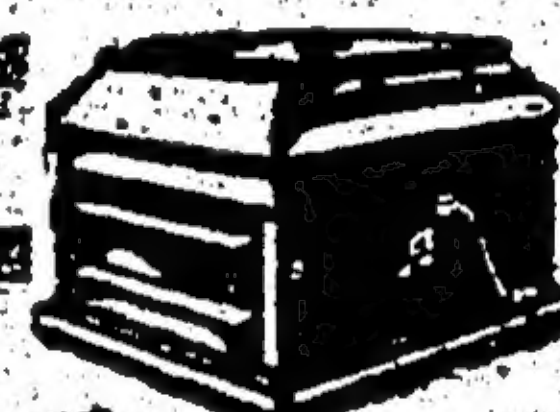
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE.

ON FRIDAY, the 6th INSTANT, and EASTER MONDAY, the 7th INSTANT, All Departments will be CLOSED.

ON THESE DAYS,

THE HONG KONG DISPENSARY will be OPENED for Dispensing Prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

On SATURDAY, the 7th INSTANT, All Departments will be OPEN as usual.

Hong Kong, 5th Apr., 1928. [6100]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., the General Managers of the said Company, 5th George Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of APRIL, 1928, at 11 O'CLOCK in the forenoon, when the following Resolutions will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions, viz—

(1) That the authorized Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 600,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$5 Each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$3,600,000 by the creation of 120,000 Additional Shares of the nominal value of \$5 Each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from the date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(2) That the said 120,000 Shares be offered forthwith in the first instance in the proportion of One New Share for every Complete Number of Five Existing Shares held by them respectively, to the Members of the Company who on the 31st day of APRIL, 1928, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of said 600,000 Shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$5 in respect of such 120,000 Shares shall be payable as to the Sum of \$1 part thereof on the First Day of MAY, 1928, and as to the balance thereof on the First Day of JUNE, 1928.

And further that until such time as the said 120,000 Shares shall be fully paid up they shall *vis-à-vis* the said 600,000 Shares only rank for Dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$5) thereof.

And that the offer be made by Notice specifying the Number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the Offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominees will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend such time to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit and further that any of the said 120,000 Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner as such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

(3) That No Shareholder shall be entitled to any Offer of a Fraction of an Additional Share in respect of any Old Shares held by such Shareholder.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th day of APRIL, 1928, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of APRIL, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No. Transfer of Shares can be registered.

Dated the 5th day of April, 1928.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. [6104]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 6th, 7th, and 8th INSTANT. (Easter Holidays.)

Hong Kong, 5th Apr., 1928. [6091]

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONG KONG.

THE EASTER HOLIDAYS are From 12.30 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, To 9 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th, 1928.

THE SECOND PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES for 1928 is Due on TUESDAY, MAY 1st. New Boys will be admitted on MONDAY, APRIL 30th.

For Prospectus, etc., Apply to The BURSAR, P.O. Box 33.

THE REVISED W. T. FEATHERSTONE, M.A. (Oxon), Headmaster. [6097]

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Undersigned intend at an Early Date to apply to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL of HONG KONG for a Bill to suppress and prevent abuses in the management of Chinese Temples and in the administration of the Funds of Chinese Temples.

Dated the 23rd day of March, 1928.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., B. H. KOTWALL. [6096]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, 1st Floor, Road Central, Hong Kong), on THURSDAY, the 12th day of APRIL, 1928, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-selecting a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
O. G. COPELEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 20th Mar., 1928. [6035]

HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., 5th George Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of APRIL, 1928, at 11 O'CLOCK in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st day of APRIL, 1928, to the 14th day of APRIL, 1928, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 31st Mar., 1928. [6083]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HARRY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 7th APRIL, 1928, on MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1928, and on TUESDAY, 10th APRIL, 1928.

Commencement at 2.30 P.M. on Both Days. The First Race will be Run at 2.00 P.M. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 Per Day for all Persons including Ladies, Soldiers, and Sailors in Uniform Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 3 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LUNSTRAD & DAVIS, at \$5.00 Each Per Day, Up to FRIDAY, 6th APRIL, 1928.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$1.00 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, a Badge for Admission of 3 Ladies Free of Charge.

Bookmakers, the Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

[6087]

GREY & HAWKER.

NOTICE.

AS on and from the 1st APRIL, 1928, the Undersigned will carry on in Partnership under the Firm Name of GREY & HAWKER the Business of the Architectural Department of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd.

Address: 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, 1st Floor, Road Central, Hong Kong.

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GEO. W. GREY,
Chartered Architect.

J. BENTLEY HAWKER,
Chartered Surveyor.

Hong Kong, 30th Mar., 1928. [6082]

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 10th day of APRIL, 1928, at 8 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sub-Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	Between the Junction of the Road and King's Road.	80 feet by 60 feet.	4,800	48	\$ 800

[6083]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have THIS DAY REMOVED Our Office to No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 4th Floor, FRENCH BUILDING.

BOERNEMANN & CO.
31st March, 1928. [6081]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have THIS DAY REMOVED—

OUR OFFICE: To BANK OF CANTON Building, 2nd Floor, Room No. 29.

OUR AUCTION ROOM: To FRENCH BANK BUILDING, BAYVIEW.

HUGHES & KOUH, LTD.
Hong Kong, 30th Mar., 1928. [6080]

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

IN Terms of Debenture Conditions Nos. 12, 13 and 14, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Unredeemed Debentures (1920 issue—\$500 Each) of the HONG KONG CLUB, will be Redeemed on the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1928.

By Order,
T. A. ROBERTSON, Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th Mar., 1928. [6079]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my Appointment as Controller and Custodian of Enemy Property in China will terminate on MARCH 31st, 1928, and the Office of the Custodian at Shanghai will be Closed. As from APRIL 1st, 1928, Mr. JOHN BROUGHTON KNIGHT of the Chinese Office, (Enemy Debts, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1), has been appointed to act as Controller and Custodian of Enemy Property in China, and all Correspondence should be forwarded to him at that Address.

ADDINGTON,
Custodian of Enemy Property in China.
Shanghai, March 25th, 1928. [6082]

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3 ROOMED FLAT in MAY ROAD—Apply to Mrs. INNES, 9, BRANESOME TOWERS. [6101]

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MRS. BETEN, late from Hong Kong, Koro Hyei Beauty Parlour, is giving Permanent Hair Waves in her Home at No. 2, FRATTS BUILDING, Kowloon. For Appointment, Phone K. 945. [6023]

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The Daily Press.

Home Koro, April 5th, 1928.

INDIA AND DEMOCRATIC IDEAS.

AFTER a very doubtful reception at the outset of its investigations the Simon Commission left Bombay for Home amid expressions of good will from all sections of the community.

It is impossible not to feel some sympathy with the resentment of politically minded Indians towards this Commission set up to inquire how their country was assimilating the privileges and powers granted under the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms of 1919. Those measures were the first step towards a democratic system of government in the British provinces of India, and it cannot be denied that they were regarded with apprehension by both the Indian Civil Service and the Native Rulers of neighbouring States. It is difficult to take away what has been given without inflicting humiliation and many believed, and still believe, that for India the path to progress lay along the lines of a benevolent autocracy managed increasingly by native officials, but without any kind of franchise or popular participation in the Government. Many native princes were perturbed lest the experiments in the states under direct British rule should be extended to their own dominions, where very often an admirable, though entirely autocratic government prevails. It was felt that Mr. Montague was actuated more by his own fixed belief in democratic principles than by an appreciation of the needs of India's widely differing peoples.

Six more cases of small-pox, two from Victoria and four from Kowloon were reported yesterday. All patients were Chinese.

The Colonial Secretariat notifies that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Saigon on account of cholera.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Mr. Schofield fined a Chinese \$30 for causing unnecessary suffering to a pig by carrying the animal in a crate in a vertical position.

The Tai Hing firewood shop, at 110, Second Street, has reported to the police that one of their *yokis* obtained by means of a false chop \$500 from the firm's customers and absconded.

A very successful and well-attended dance was held at the Central British School last Friday. An excellent programme of dance music was provided by Mr. G. Bond and his late Cafe Regent Band, who offered their services free in aid of the school games fund.

The property in Fanling known as lot No. 447 in Demarcation district No. 51 together with a dwelling house, messuages and erections thereon, should have come up for auction at Messrs. Lamert Bros. yesterday but the sale was postponed to Wednesday, April 11th.

Among passengers aboard the *President Cleveland* which left for Seattle yesterday were Mr. J. L. Knopp, of the Hong Kong Excavation and Pile Driving Co., travelling to Shanghai; Mr. J. A. Thompson and Mr. G. B. Enders, who are connected with the American Milk Products Co., returning to Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. Frick and who are returning to Shanghai.

Mr. Erick is the manager of the Equitable Eastern Bank in Shanghai; and is returning to that City after being temporarily in charge of the Hong Kong Office; Mrs. H. W. Bristol, wife of the Admiral of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, travelling to Shanghai.

Sir JOHN SIMON'S difficulties went far beyond the hostility of a small irreconcilable minority. With the best will in the world on both sides it is extraordinarily hard for anyone virtually in the position of an inspector to get at the truth. Everyone knows, on a small scale, the entirely abnormal atmosphere produced in a school by the arrival of a distinguished or official visitor. The principle applies in the wider sphere of government. In the quiet talks with representatives, grievances will be heard, plans for improvement suggested and the official daily routine described. This is as informative as a formal report. But the Simon Commission was seeking the truth of the effects of very revolutionary changes upon a people whose conditions and mentality are an enigma even to Englishmen who have spent a lifetime among them.

Visitors to strange countries, from the days of Herodotus, the first tourist, have always been misled, partly deliberately, partly by their own misapprehensions. India has been notoriously a sufferer and is particularly sore at the present time. After Miss Mayo's lightning tour and unqualified denunciations in "Mother India" patriotic Indian have hardly been in a mood for further candid verdicts from the West.

The eventual findings of the Simon Commission will be eagerly awaited by India and by all English people connected with that country. Whatever the verdict on the political experiment may be it will not find that India is a dying race wilting under British rule. A long era of peace has brought a new wealth and a new security to the country and Indians, of all castes and races, enjoy a prosperity unknown when the country was in a state of perpetual civil war and when the superstitions which Miss Mayo deplores were under no restrictions.

A band of 2,000 bandits who call themselves "Reds" captured the station of Pa-Kong-Hou on the Kwangtung section of the Canton-Hankow Railway yesterday (April 4th) and did considerable damage to the line. A number of railway employees at the station were killed. All the stations above Suikai are now endangered and have been cut off from telegraphic communication by the bandits.

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CROSS-SUMMONSES OVER A STREET QUARREL.

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The case was adjourned till next Thursday and defendant is taking out a cross-summons for the use of indecent language.

A fatality has occurred on the light railway at Cheung Sha Wan, the victim being a Chinese woman of 62. She was knocked down by the engine while crossing the line and instantly killed.

Mrs. F. E. Cameron, late proprietress of the St. Francis Hotel, Hong Kong, left on the *Tenyo Maru* on a short business trip to the United States. She expects to return in three months time.

The Very Rev. Father L. Robert, of the Missions Etrangères, is expected to pay a brief visit to Hong Kong towards the end of the present month. Nearly two years ago Father Robert left Hong Kong for France, thus severing a connection with the Far East which extended over 37 years. Father Robert is at present First Assistant to Archbishop de Guébriant, the Superior-General of the Society of Missions Etrangères, in Paris, who was at one time Roman Catholic Bishop in Canton. Under instructions from the Archbishop Father Robert is making a tour of the various Missions in the East.

RAID ON CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

STATION CAPTURED.

BAND OF 2,000 REDS.

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COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

FIGURES FOR MARCH.

The Water Authority reports that the level and storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st April was as follows:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

1927. 1928.

Tytam 10' 1" 15' 10"

Tytam Byewash 23' 3" 22' 6"

Tytam Intermediate 22' 0" 23' 6"

Tytam Tuk 33' 3" 43' 1"

Wong Nei Chung 15' 0" 22' 8"

Pokfulum 15' 0" 21' 9"

Figures show feet and inches below overflow level.

Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

1927. 1928.

Tytam 304.39 293.92

Tytam Byewash 1.37 1.07

Tytam Intermediate 93.20 91.40

Tytam Tuk 71.74 57.75

Wong Nei Chung 13.72 6.09

Pokfulum 27.24

HEAVY FIGHTING IN SHANSI.

REPORTED ACTIVITIES OF HEAVENLY GATE SOCIETY AND RED SPEARS.

PEKING ANXIETY OVER IMPORTATION OF ARMS.

ARMIES OF HUNAN AND HUPEH DUE TO MOVE.

According to reports in the vernacular papers, the Fengtienese are making strenuous efforts to break through into Shansi at three different points in the 2,000 mile front. Their main line of attack appears to be along the Tsingting-Taiyuen Railway, where Yang Yu Ting and Chang Hsueh Liang are in command, and where they have concentrated large bodies of troops. In this sector they are reported to have met with some success.

Through a Reuters message the Fengtienese claim that the Red Spears, a secret Society which originated in Hunan, and the Heavenly Gate Society, from Chihli, are acting in co-operation with them against the Kuomintang. Relying upon the work of these secret societies and the internal disputes of the Kuomintang, the Fengtienese believe that little effort is required on their part to bring about the destruction of their enemies.

The Peking Government appears to view with some apprehension the efforts made by the Powers to prevent the importation of arms and munitions to China. Following closely upon the passing of the German Bill, which inflicts heavy penalties upon any German national who takes part in such arms traffic, the Peking Government have called a Conference to discuss the whole question.

The armies of Hunan and Hupeh have been organized in three divisions under the command of General Li Chung Jen, and will move en masse into Honan to aid the Nationalist Offensive in the near future.

SHANSI TROOPS IN ACTION.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

A telegraphic report from Taiyuen states that since April 1st severe fighting has occurred between the Fengtienese and the Shansi forces on three sides near Eastern Shansi borders. The battle line extends for more than 8,000 miles.

Fighting is in full swing between Fengtienese troops and Shansi forces along the whole front. General Yang Yu Ting and General Chang Hsueh Liang are directing operations near Shekchiachuang.

The Fengtienese in Southern Chihli are carrying out a severe bombardment of Chengching, about eighty miles west of Shekchiachuang, with heavy guns, but have not succeeded in gaining any substantial advantage. At the same time a Fengtienese army, consisting of more than six divisions, has launched an attack on Lungchuan, a gateway, and a strategic point on the Shansi-Chihli border.

In Northern Shansi heavy fighting is taking place at many points near Nganmu Pass.

According to the Toho News Agency the Fengtienese, operating along the Tsingting-Taiyuen Railway, have taken Wulu, west of Shekchiachuang.

LIANG HU ARMY.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

The Hankow leaders have decided to arrange the "Liang Hu" expeditionary army in three divisions under the command of General Li Chung Jen. General Li will soon lead the whole army to Honan to participate in the Northern expedition. General Chiang Chien is in charge of the situation in Hunan, while General Pei Tsung Hsi will be at Hankow to keep order in the rear.

IMPORTATION OF ARMS.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

The Diplomatic Body is holding a conference at Peking to discuss the stoppage in the supply of arms and ammunition to China. They have appointed Mr. Edwards as a member to take charge. All Foreign Ministers are to ask for instructions from their home governments.

SHANGHAI FOREIGN COMMISSIONER.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

Mr. Quo Tai Chi, Foreign Commissioner at Shanghai, has been dismissed, and Mr. King Wen Se is appointed to take his place. Mr. King will take up his new post on the 5th inst.

THE "ROYAL OAK" VERDICT.

SEVERE PRESS COMMENT.

THE RIGHT TO PROTEST.

WEIGHT OF PUBLIC OPINION.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4th.

To anyone familiar with the ways of courts martial, says the *Daily Telegraph*, the Daniel verdict was almost a foregone conclusion, as charges are bound to be so narrowly framed.

This is in accordance with the regulations, which discourage to the utmost all acts which may prejudice discipline in a service where the maintenance of discipline is the breath of life. Such rigid regulations, however, inevitably make for hard cases.

Public opinion will demand that when the courts martial are ended, the Admiralty will pass under review the incidents which have cast a shadow on the service.

The *Royal Oak* incidents are ridiculously small to serve as the foundation of one of the most humiliating quarrels in the Navy for many years. The band incident, whatever the precise facts, would be disgraceful anywhere, whatever the phrase used by the Admiral about the band and the band master. They reflect no credit upon the utterer.

The *Daily News* similarly stresses the smallness of the incidents which set the ponderous machinery of Naval discipline in motion, delayed the sailing of the fleet and set the whole country talking.

It says it is a pity that Rear-Admiral Collard fell below the praiseworthy model of Gilbert's Captain of H.M.S. *Pinafore*, who "never used a big big D."

The affair raises the question of whether there is something seriously wrong with the spirit at work in the Navy, when incidents of this order can attain to such momentous importance.

The *Daily Chronicle* does not suppose that there are a hundred civilians in Britain who are not convinced that the verdict should have been "not guilty." If the verdict is allowed to stand, it means that no officer under any provocation can safely exercise the right of protest, while a Commander who dares complain of the action of a superior officer, however outrageous, may be sure of an abrupt ending to his career.

(The account of the conclusion of the Court Martial will be found on page 3.)

TROTSKY REPORTED SHOT.

DYING IN SIBERIA.

DEED OF RED FANATIC.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4th.

The *Morning Post* gives prominence to a story from Paris to the effect that Trotsky is believed to be dying somewhere in Siberia from a bullet wound in the spinal column.

The report states that Trotsky was fired on last week by a young "Red" fanatic, and that every effort was made by M. Stalin and his supporters to prevent the news crossing the frontier.

The details, which are most circumstantial, presumably come via diplomatic bags from various Embassies.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

ORIGINAL MS. BRINGS RECORD PRICE.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 3rd.

The English record price of \$15,400 was paid at Sotheby's today for the original manuscript of Mr. Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

The purchaser was Dr. Rosenbach of Philadelphia, and the vendor, the original "Alice," now Mrs. Alice Hargreaves.

The previous record was \$10,100 paid in 1919 for "The Passionate Pilgrim."

Dr. Rosenbach announced that he would allow the nation to have the manuscript for the price he paid. Dr. Rosenbach also paid a record price of \$5,000 for a first edition copy of "Alice in Wonderland."

CAPTAIN'S CASE OPENS.

SHARP QUESTIONS TO ADMIRAL.

DRAMATIC ENCOUNTER.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

GIBRALTAR, April 4th.

The court martial of Captain Dewar, which was composed of five Rear-Admirals and eight Captains, opened to-day. Capt. Dewar is conducting his own defence, and Mr. Kimball is merely advising.

Objection Upheld.

The Prosecutor is Rear Admiral Boyle. Successful objections were raised to Rear Admiral Herbert Meade and Rear Admiral W. Tomkinson as members of the Court.

The grounds of the objection to Rear-Admiral Boyle were that he was a member of the Court of Enquiry, while Rear-Admiral Tomkinson, as Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief, had seen some of the papers in the case. The prosecutor also successfully objected to Rear-Admiral Collard sitting in the Court, because he was a witness.

The Court consequently sat without them and comprised Rear Admiral Townsend (President), Rear Admiral L. G. Preston, Rear Admiral W. M. Kerr, and Captains Osborn, Carrington, Money, James, Munro, Bedford, Hamilton, and Osborne.

The following charges were then read, and Captain Dewar pleaded "not guilty."

The Charges.

He is charged, firstly, with an act of prejudice to good order and discipline in that he accepted and forwarded to Vice-Admiral J. D. Kelly, commanding First Battle Squadron, through Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard, the letter addressed to him by Commander Daniel, the terms whereof were subversive of discipline.

Captain Dewar is also charged with accepting and forwarding to Admiral Kelly through Admiral Collard, the letter addressed to him by Commander Daniel, which letter was contrary to King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions in that it contained remarks and criticisms on the conduct and orders of his superior officers, Rear-Admiral Collard.

Correct But Not Intimate.

Rear-Admiral Collard, in his evidence, replying to the Prosecutor, said his relations with Captain Dewar were "correct but not intimate." He found it almost impossible to make friends with Capt. Dewar. Rear-Admiral Collard could not say he placed implicit confidence in Capt. Dewar.

The latter sharply cross-examined Rear-Admiral Collard. Questions and answers were loud and deliberate, intensifying the dramatic encounter of the protagonists in the case. Rear-Admiral Collard, for instance, emphatically refused to imagine himself as the band-master, and when pressed to reply "yes" or "no" said he would answer as he thought fit.

THE EGYPTIAN NOTE.

PREVENTING CAUSES OF CONFLICT.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

CAIRO, April 3rd.

Nahas Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, speaking to Pressmen to-day declared that the Egyptian Note, which, while expressing a desire for friendly Anglo-Egyptian understanding, objected to interference in Egypt's internal affairs, and disregarded the Declaration of 1922, was merely a statement of fact.

It contained, he said, no spirit of defiance or aggression. On the contrary, the Egyptian Government was endeavouring to prepare the way for real Anglo-Egyptian friendship by preventing the causes of conflict.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS UNCHANGED.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, April 3rd.

Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Finance Secretary, told the Finance Committee of the Senate to-day that he did not anticipate any material change in business conditions during the remainder of 1928 from the preceding two years.

The tax reduction of \$250,000,000 must, perhaps, be cut down to \$182,000,000, which was less than was proposed last year, but which was due to increase Government expenditure.

"DAWN" TO BE SHOWN.

OFFENDING INCIDENT OMITTED.

CHILDREN NOT ADMITTED.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 4th.

The London County Council, after an all-night sitting, adopted the recommendation of their Theatres and Music Halls Committee to allow the exhibition of the film "Dawn." They make a condition that the scene in which a private in the firing party is shot for refusing to obey orders must be omitted.

No child under sixteen is permitted to see the film unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

THE NAVY IN ACTION.

SPECTACLE FOR AFGHAN KING.

THRILLING ATTACKS ON "NELSON."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 3rd.

As practically the final of the spectacles arranged before he begins the return journey to Afghanistan, King Amanullah witnessed a great display of British sea-power to-day.

He embarked at Portland in H.M.S. *Nelson*, the new 33,000-ton battleship, the flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Hubert Brand, the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet. A Royal salute of twenty-one guns was fired as he went aboard.

As soon as H.M.S. *Nelson* was a few miles from the coast a series of realistic war operations began. King Amanullah watching them from one of the observation platforms.

Royal Interpreter.

By his side were Vice-Admiral Brand and H.R.H. Prince George, who is a Staff Officer in the warship, and who, in French, explained the operations to him.

Submarines dived and launched torpedoes at the battleship and one of them rose to the surface and attacked her with guns.

The flagship notified anti-submarine destroyers, which rapidly came into action and dispersed the submarines with depth charges.

Target Practice.

The Atlantic Fleet was sighted approaching majestically in three columns. It fired a Royal salute and then changing formation went by in line.

Miles away lay a target towed by H.M.S. *Scorpion*. The battleships H.M.S. *Repulse* and H.M.S. *Renown* of 33,000 tons, led by the battle-cruiser, H.M.S. *Hood* 41,200 tons, steaming at 25 knots on a circular course, concentrated upon the target heavy fire from their fifteen-inch guns.

Later an attack by aircraft was launched from the carrier H.M.S. *Furious* upon H.M.S. *Nelson*.

Destroyer Attack.

The greatest thrill of the day, however, was when destroyer flotillas bore down upon H.M.S. *Nelson* and attacked with torpedoes. Cruisers engaged them and a tense battle ensued.

King Amanullah who had expressed his keen interest in the naval spectacle was escorted back to Portsmouth by the Fleet and a flight of sea-planes.

Queen Stays Behind.

Queen Souriza did not accompany King Amanullah. Instead she stayed in London and visited Queen Charlotte's Hospital, which is devoted to maternity cases. She asked many questions about the work of the hospital and was much impressed when the Matron told her of the low rate of infant mortality in Britain.

SOVIET PETROL.

HOLDING THEIR CLIENTELE.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 3rd.

Announcing a reduction in the price of their best petrol to 11½d. per gallon, the Russian Oil Products, Limited, says that the reduction by the combine to 1/10d. per gallon announced on Monday was initiated for the purpose of eliminating the non-combustible firms, but "we intend to hold the clientele secured in the past four years."

THE NANKING SETTLEMENT.

TEXT OF U.S. AND NATIONALIST NOTES.

GROUND PREPARED BEFOREHAND.

PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR MR. MacMURRAY.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

It transpires that when Mr. MacMurray and Mr. Hwang Fu met at Shanghai on February 28th, both expressed an earnest desire to settle the Nanking Incident. They authorised the American Consul-General, Mr. E. S. Cunningham, and Dr. G. Wood, chief of the American and European section of the Nationalist Foreign Ministry, to take up preliminary negotiations.

The result was that, after a month's work, the groundwork was ready when Mr. MacMurray returned from his Yangtze trip. After two sessions Mr. MacMurray and Mr. Hwang Fu agreed to the drafts, after which the notes were drawn up and signed.

Careful perusal bears out the opinion of the Legations at Peking that the successful outcome of the negotiations is in the nature of a personal triumph for Mr. MacMurray.

CHINESE COMMENT.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

According to general opinion the settlement of this affair opens a new era in Chinese diplomatic relations with Foreign Powers. It not only ends the notorious Nanking Incident, but is also the initial step towards the revision of treaties between America and China.

A report from official sources states that negotiations are on foot with a view to the settlement of the Nanking case between the Nationalist Government and Japan. Both sides appear eager for a settlement. Mr. Yozishawa, the Japanese minister to Peking, has said that the negotiations are proceeding very satisfactorily, and the terms of settlement are expected to be announced in due time.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 4th.

The texts of the three Notes from General Hwang Fu to Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray and two Notes sent in reply, settling the Nanking Incident as between the Nanking Government and the United States, were issued this morning at Nanking, Peking and Washington.

The first Note from General Hwang Fu says:

"Animated by a desire to promote the most friendly feelings happily subsisting between the Chinese and American peoples, the Nationalist Government is prepared to bring about an immediate settlement of the case along the lines already agreed upon as the result of discussions between us beginning on February 25th.

Nationalists Accept Responsibility.

In the name of the Nationalist Government, the Foreign Minister has the honour to convey in the most sincere manner to the Government of the United States of America, their profound regret at the indignities to the American flag and to the official representatives of that Government, the loss of property sustained by the American Consulate and the personal injuries and material damages done to the American residents.

"Although it has been found after investigation of the Incident that it was entirely instigated by the Communists prior to the establishment of the Nationalist Government at Nanking, the Nationalist Government nevertheless accepts responsibility for the Incident."

"In pursuance of their established policy, the Nationalist Government have repeatedly issued orders to civil and military authorities for the continuous effective protection of lives and property of American residents in China.

Communist Influence.

"With the extermination of the Communists and their evil influences, which tended to impair the friendly relations between the Chinese and American peoples, the Nationalist Government feel confident that the task of protecting foreigners will henceforth be rendered easier; and the Nationalist Government specifically undertake that there will be no similar violence, or agitation against American lives or legitimate interests."

In this connection the Foreign Minister adds that the troops of the particular division which took part in the unfortunate incident at the instigation of the Communists have since been disbanded and the Nationalist Government have in addition taken effective steps for the punishment of the soldiers and others implicated.

Joint Commemoration.

"In accordance with the well-accepted principles of international law, the Nationalist Government undertake to make full compensation for all personal and material damages done to the American residents and their property at Nanking.

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HONG KONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR LEAGUES TO PLAY.

PORTUGUESE NINE WITHDRAW.

[By HONOLULU KID.]

There will be two baseball leagues this season, according to the decision arrived at at yesterday's annual meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball Association. The teams entering the Senior League will be the American, Japanese, South China Dragons and the Filipino.

The Junior League will be an all-Chinese one. There will be four teams contending for honour. It is interesting to note that the Recreio (Portuguese team) has withdrawn from the League, and that the Filipino crew will be under the management of Big Ben Zafra vice Mr. L. R. Ildelfonso.

At the meeting yesterday, at the American Consulate, a vote of thanks was returned to the local Chinese, European and Japanese press. It was also admitted that the accommodation for pressmen last season left much to be desired.

In this connection I might say that there was no accommodation for the press last season. In their games with the Hawaiians Chinese, pressmen were not even allowed to enter the stand in spite of the "passes" issued to them by the Association. They had to stand under the boiling sun throughout the season.

I am glad that the committee are arranging a proper "press box" this season.

Mr. M. B. Keenan has been appointed to take charge of the publicity side for the Association this year, and in selecting him for the post, it was said that last year's arrangement was most satisfactory in that they had appointed a certain member of the local press to act as their publicity agent. It was stated that matters entrusted to him for publicity appeared in one journal only and that other papers were left to "lik" it the next day. This was done probably to pressure of time. Let's believe that it was so.

The Association is rather badly off financially. They have, according to the Treasurer's report, only \$317.09 in hand, while the cost of erecting a match for this season will be more than \$500. In order to meet this deficit, senior teams are requested to pay their annual entrance fee of \$50, and the juniors to pay \$25.

It may be mentioned that the playing teams were not requested to pay their entrance fee last year because the Association had sufficient funds in hand. The visit of the All-Honolulu Chinese team last year was not very successful from a financial point of view.

In proposing Mr. W. Logan to be Vice-President of the Association, Mr. Ildelfonso was asked to relate what Mr. Logan had done for the Association during his tenure of office for the last four years. Mr. Ildelfonso replied that in view of the fact that this is a British Colony and that Mr. Logan is an influential member of the British community, he should be asked to fill the post. It was, after all, an honorary position. Mr. Logan was then elected.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by only a few ball enthusiasts, and in the absence of Mr. J. J. Muccio, Mr. W. Burrell presided.

Proposed by Mr. R. Shim and seconded by Mr. Oldenon, Mr. J. J. Muccio was re-elected to be the president of the Association. H.E. the Governor and Mr. R. C. Tredwell, American Consul-General, were re-elected to be the patron and honorary patron of the Association respectively. Mr. Hin Wong is to continue his good work as Hon. Secretary and Mr. Keenan to take the position of Treasurer vice Mr. L. R. Ildelfonso, resigned.

Secretary's Report.

The report of the Secretary, Mr. Hin Wong, was as follows:—The Hong Kong Baseball Association had an eventful season last year, but everything appeared to have ended well, except in the matter of finance which, I am glad, will be left to my colleague, Mr. Ildelfonso, to deal with.

The league season had to be shorter than the previous one, owing to difficulty in getting a ground, but this difficulty will be partly removed this coming season, as the Playgrounds Committee have decided to allot area "J" at Happy Valley to the Association from April 16th to September 15th.

Quite a number of protests arose from the interpretation of the rules and regulations of the Association during the season and to bring about understanding of these articles and by-laws of the Association, a revision committee has been appointed, and it is hoped that a report from this committee will soon be submitted for action.

For the first time a club entered two teams last season when the South China Athletic Association put up the "Dragons" and the "Tigers." The "Dragons" upheld South China's traditional leadership in the league by again winning the championship, the fourth time successively. The South China Athletic Association, however, must also be mentioned for bringing a team from Honolulu to give exhibition games in baseball. Since the visit of the Honolulu Chinese team, much interest has been shown in the game, and at present there are nine Chinese baseball teams playing during week-ends since the latter part of March in a league organized by the South China Athletic Association. It may be well for the Association to consider the advisability of dividing its league games into senior and junior divisions.

The growing popularity of baseball in Hong Kong, while largely due to the enthusiasm of the smaller communities, such as the Filipino and the Portuguese has also been created by the support of the Chinese, the Japanese, and the English Press. To the several members of the Press who sat throughout the games of the season and had given so satisfactory reports as appeared in our local press, the Association should give every credit. In the coming season, better sitting facilities should be provided to the members of the Press, not neglecting, of course, what the Association had set out at the beginning but failed in many a times to do.

"PITTSBURG'S" APPRECIATION.

Mr. L. R. Ildelfonso, Hong Kong, China.

Sir,—I take great pleasure in thanking you for the use of the Chinese Soccer grounds, the games arranged with different local clubs, and the interest and extra efforts required of you to make the schedule a success.

It was rather early for your teams; otherwise the score would have been just the other way around and the games would have been more evenly contested. We had your teams at a great disadvantage, and even with that handicap they played and showed real true sportsmanship even though they figured the percentage against them. It is that spirit and sportsmanship that keeps the game full of real interest not only with the players but the spectators.

I shall look forward to meeting your teams some future date when they are in mid-season form.

Please extend my personal thanks to the members of the committee for their co-operation and efforts in assisting you.

Again thanking you for all your arrangements and hoping that I shall see you on our next trip to Hong Kong or in Manila, I remain,

Yours truly,

C. A. SWAFFORD,

Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, Coach and Manager of the Fleet Baseball Team, Hong Kong, China, 1st April, 1928.

LAWN TENNIS.

NG SZE KWONG PROGRESSES.

BRITISH PAIRS EASY WIN.

A large crowd of spectators turned up at the Hong Kong Cricket Club to watch Ng Sze Kwong play J. M. da Silva in the third round of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony and was rewarded by an interesting exhibition, in which the ex-champion won his way to the fourth round where he will meet Ho Ka Lau. The match was at first one-sided, the Chinese who took the first and second sets being superior in all departments of the game, but Silva who took a long time to settle down pulled up splendidly in the third set and seized it by dint of accurate play. At this stage he retrieved many difficult shots. He kept up his good form in the following set the struggle for which became more and more exciting as it progressed. Silva had the lead from the beginning at 1-0, 2-1, 4-2 and 5-3. Ng Sze Kwong asserted himself, however, and won the next four games for the set and match. Both played a good all round game and were frequently applauded for clever play.

In the same event, Yoshida accounted for A. H. Crook in straight sets and qualified to meet the winner of S. E. Green v. E. C. Fincher in the fourth round.

Hancock and Tottenham were in fine form yesterday and beat the Hussain Brothers easily by three sets to love. The British pair gave a forceful exhibition and their overhead work was very deadly. They now meet E. C. and E. F. Fincher in the third round, the winners to enter the Semi-Final.

The results of yesterday's matches were as follows:—

Open Singles.

3rd Round:—Ng Sze Kwong beat J. M. da Silva 6-3, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5; Yoshida beat A. H. Crook 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Open Doubles.

2nd Round:—R. Hancock and Dr. E. Tottenham beat S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; T. Honda and T. Akiyama received a walk-over from Chan So and Ho Wai Hing.

Handicap Singles "A." F. D. Fiddes, Wilson beat O. C. Womack 7-7, 8-6.

Handicap Singles "B."

H. V. Parker (rec. 15) beat A. C. Howell (rec. 1/5) 6-3, 6-1; T. G. Bennett (rec. 1/5) beat J. W. Kie (rec. 5/8) 7-5, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles.

Mrs. C. P. F. James and A. D. Humphreys (owe 15/3) beat Mr. and Mrs. Grove 6-7, 6-1, 9-7.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.

Major W. B. Stevenson v. Very Rev. A. Swann.

Handicap Singles "A."

Lt.-Col. F. J. Wyatt (owe 15) v. Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (owe 3/6).

Handicap Singles "B."

J. Barrow (owe 15) v. Lieut. R. P. Lonsdale (owe 15).

Handicap Doubles.

W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 2/6) v. W. A. Nowens and E. D. Lawrence (owe 5/6).

Dr. G. E. Aubrey and G. W. Sewell (owe 3/6) v. S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 15).

CRICKET.

H.K. ELECTRIC R.C. v. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

The undermentioned will represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in a league match against the Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI on the latter's ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7th:—H. F. Akehurst, L. de Rome, J. C. Dunbar, C. E. Gahagan, W. H. N. Muddock, G. Murray, W. B. Muezzel, F. Northington, A. F. Paul, S. J. Stanesby and J. R. Way (Capt.). Reserves: S. Deacon and J. F. Munsey.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

MALAYA AND CHINA ATHLETIC DRAW.

SCOTS GUARDS BEAT RECREIO.

LEAGUE AND EASTER FIXTURES.

Yesterday on the Hong Kong F.C. ground, the Malayan Football team engaged in a friendly with the China Athletic. The Navy v. Malaya game was cancelled owing to the funeral of victims of the recent air tragedy.

The attendance was very fair. The game was below the standard expected, a stalemate appearing among the players.

The locals took the lead when Tso Kwai Shing turned into goal from a centre by Chan Kwong Lu. Most of the play was in the middle. A shot by Wah Chen beat Pau Ka Ping and made the scores one all.

The second half opened with Malaya pressing, the result being a corner to the visitors. Offside by Young Liang relieved. The visitors appeared to have the better of the exchanges and were awarded a penalty. Pau Ka Ping stopped the shot and cleared amidst applause. Play fell off towards the close, the final whistle sounding with the score, Malaya 1, China Athletic 1.

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Scots Guards v. Club de Recreio.

Yesterday at King's Park, the Scots Guards finished their League fixtures for the season with a win over the Club de Recreio. They now equal the K.O.S.B.'s and R.A. in the league with twenty-four points. The K.O.S.B.'s have still to play the Club de Recreio while the R.A. have to meet the China Athletic.

In this game, the Club de Recreio were without A. Gosano the Inter-Port centre and Brown. The Guards attacked from the kick off and Fernandez cleared from Chapman. The Recs. had a chance to take the lead when Jackson was penalised for overrunning, but the Guards got the ball away. The Guards took the lead from a shot by Carswell. Fernandez sending the ball against the post and it rebounded in the net. Half-time: Guards 1, Club de Recreio 0.

Early in the second half, Jackson overran and the Recreio failed to score from the free kick. Chapman and Carswell scored for the Guards, the final score being: Guards 3, Recreio 0.

LEAGUE FIXTURES.

The following is a revised list of fixtures in the Hong Kong League: Division I.

Kick off at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11th: South China v. Kowloon F.C., Caroline Hill ground.

Saturday, April 14th: Hong Kong Police v. H.K.F.C., H.K.F.C. ground.

Kowloon F.C. v. China Athletic, Kowloon F.C. ground.

K.O.S.B.'s v. Club de Recreio, Sookunpoo ground.

Wednesday, April 18th: H.K.F.C. v. Club de Recreio, H.K.F.C. ground.

R.A. v. China Athletic, Sookunpoo ground.

Saturday, April 21st: Queen's Regt. v. China Athletic, Sookunpoo ground.

Club de Recreio v. H.K. Police, King's Park ground.

Wednesday, April 25th: China Athletic v. Kowloon F.C., H.K.F.C. ground.

EASTER FIXTURES.

The following games will be played during the Easter Holidays: Lal Wah Cup.

Friday, April 6th: China v. Army. Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. on the Hong Kong F.C. ground.

Shield Finals.

Junior.

Saturday, April 7th: China Athletic Reserves v. St. Joseph's, at 2.30 p.m.

Senior.

Saturday, April 7th: Kowloon F.C. v. Hong Kong Police, at 4.30 p.m.

Lal Wah Cup: Final.

Easter Monday, April 9th: China or Army v. Civilian.

Kick off at 4.30 p.m.

The following have been selected to play for the Civilian: Clarke, Sherry and Bishop; Hedley, McKelvie (Captains) and McGreavy; Fife, Howarth, Gosano, Rocha and Cornwall.

Reserves: Wheeler, Stewart and McBride.

GARRISON ROWING RACES.

"BROWN" CUP WON BY 20TH HEAVY BATTERY.

DEAD HEAT IN 2ND CREWS' RACE.

YESTERDAY'S COMPETITIONS.

Some interesting rowing races took place at North Point yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the local Garrison. An Army launch with a number of spectators on board followed the races together with motor boats from Mr. A. King's slipway, whilst many others watched the finishes from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the sea wall.

The course was from Channel Rocks to a mark opposite the Club house. Mr. R. M. Jack (Rowing Captain, R.H.K.Y.C.) acted as judge. Lieut.-Commander Leveson-Gower, R.N., was the starter and umpire.

The "Brown" Cup. The first race, for the "Brown" Cup, was run at five o'clock. Five boats competed for this event, the line up from the station nearest Kowloon being 12th Heavy Battery, R.A. (10 lbs. ballast), "A" Company, K.O.S.B. (45 lbs. ballast), "B" Company, K.O.S.B. (41 lbs. ballast), 20th Heavy Battery, R.A. (43 lbs. ballast), and the R.E. and Signals. Boats had distinctive colours and it was very easy for the spectators to follow the progress of the race.

After a very good start the boats kept together but slowly, the 20th Heavy Battery took the lead, challenged all the way by "B" Company, K.O.S.B. The race was very keen between these two boats, but the 20th Heavy Battery crew never relaxed their efforts and passed the mark three lengths ahead of the "B" Company, K.O.S.B., the 12th Heavy Battery being a good third one and half lengths behind.

2nd Crews' Race. This race was rowed at 5.45 p.m. over the same course and crews representing the same units took part. It resolved itself into a battle between the two Heavy Batteries. They started from opposite stations, the 12th drawing nearest Kowloon and keeping on a straight course.

The boats were far apart during the race and for some reason the coxswain of the 20th Battery took a course fairly close to the Hong Kong shore. The crew of this boat rowed very steadily but half way through the race it seemed as if they had spent most of their energy. The 12th Battery then appeared to be very well ahead. Suddenly the 20th Battery crew put on a spurt and passed the mark with the 12th Battery crew also rowing their hardest. The result was announced as a dead heat between these two boats. R.E. and Signals took third place.

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Presentation of Cups.

There was a large gathering including many ladies, to watch the presentation of prizes in the grounds of the Club. In addition to two large cups for the winning units each member of the winning crew received a prize.

In the unavoidable absence of His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., who was to have presented the prizes, Mr. A. L. Shields (Commander of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club) performed the ceremony.

Mr. Shields said that the afternoon's races had been very good and it was gratifying to the Yacht Club to see such a large number present to witness them.

Two years ago he understood only 14 men took part in the competition. Last year it rose to 28 and on the present occasion to 70, the increase being most gratifying.

Competition was very keen, especially in the 2nd Crews' Race which was a dead heat, and all those who took part must have a feeling of satisfaction.

Mr. Shields then announced that the "Brown" Cup had been won by the 20th Heavy Battery, R.A., by three lengths and in handing over the cup he congratulated the winners.

Prizes were also presented to the "B" Company, K.O.S.B., who came second. In doing so he said that this unit had recently taken up rowing and he was very glad to see them in the picture that afternoon.

As regards the 2nd Crews' Race—the result was a dead heat—Mr. Shields said that he understood the Cup will be held for six months by each of the Batteries. This announcement was received with applause.

At the close of the ceremony, thanks on behalf of the Army were expressed to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for the facilities given in carrying out the races and to the Commanders and heartily given.

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KATONAH-TAMING MISHAP.

FOLLOWING A RAIN SQUALL.

NAVIGATION OF CAPSULIMUN PASS.

ALLEGATION THAT LOG WAS ALTERED.

A Court of Inquiry was held yesterday morning at the Marine Court to investigate the circumstances of the collision between the tug of the Standard Oil Co.'s launch *Katonah* and the s.s. *Taming* which occurred on the night the 28th March off Brother's Point near Castle Peak Bay.

Commander J. B. Newill was President and other members of the Court were: Lieut.-Comdr. Ivor Farran, H.M.S. *Hermes*; Captain D. G. Burleigh of the s.s. *Chipping*; Captain W. A. Walker of the s.s. *Kwong Tung*; and Captain A. Hall of the s.s. *Thompson*.

Mr. Hugh Jones appeared on behalf of the Standard Oil Co., and for the Coxswain and crew of the "Socony" launch *Katonah*. The master of the *Taming* (Captain Geo. D. S. Mills) was represented by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.

The Captain's Evidence.

The court opened with the examination of Capt. Mills by Mr. Hall Brutton.

Captain Mills, who said that he had been master of the *Taming* since September last and had held a master's certificate since 1893, told the court that they left Canton on the 28th March at 4.55 p.m. for Hong Kong and passed Tai Sze Wan at about 11 p.m. that night. He was then sent for by the Chief Officer and went to the bridge. A rain storm was threatening and the visibility was not good. He gave the order to slow down and shortly after he turned the ship around twice and stopped at 11 p.m. At about 12 o'clock the rain stopped and the vessel proceeded slowly towards Hong Kong. At about 12.05 a.m. they were passing Castle Peak Bay and approaching Brother's Point. The Captain stated that he observed the regulation lights of a tug with a tow approaching on the starboard side. The tug was about 2 or 3 miles distant. This was at about 12.10 a.m. The *Taming's* lights were showing and the vessel was following the usual course of vessels coming from Canton. The other officers on the bridge at the time were the chief officer, and the Chinese pilot. About two minutes later the course of the *Taming* was altered to East by South. The Captain stated that he was continually watching the approaching lights of the tug and suddenly the green light of the tug was broadening out on the starboard bow. When about 2 points on the starboard bow of the *Taming* at a distance of 400 feet the approaching tug blew one blast and altered course towards the *Taming*. "I saw the distance was too short to alter my own course to starboard," said the Captain, "so I blew two blasts and altered to port to permit the *Taming* to clear. The tug swung further to starboard and in a very short time I saw a collision unavoidable, so I put the engines full speed astern. The *Taming* was heading E.N.E. and the tow ran into the *Taming* on the starboard side, about 25 feet from the bow. The lighter, which struck us, was lashed to the port side of the tow, and projecting beyond the bows of the tug. There was a hole knocked in side of the *Taming* and the plating was bent. When both vessels were clear they went ahead and proceeded to Hong Kong. On arriving the Captain ordered the Chief Officer to survey the damage and had the water pumped out of the main ballast tank. The only damage the Captain noticed to the *Taming* was the stem which was twisted a little.

The Captain, cross-examined by Mr. Hugh Jones told the court that after sighting the lighter's mast and green lights he altered course slightly to starboard. He denied that he ever saw the *Katonah's* red light. The Captain also asserted that the tug had ample room and that there was no necessity for the tug to have altered its course. Mr. Hugh Jones: I put it to you that my client was not on your starboard bow but on your port bow—No.

The speed of the tug was 3½ knots said Mr. Hugh Jones, and the *Taming's* speed was 10 knots. At this period a complicated discussion arose between Mr. Hugh Jones and the witness (Capt. Mills) until the President (Comdr. Newill) called for a halt for revision of the evidence.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Why do vessels coming from Canton keep to the North shore? Captain Mills: That is the usual practice of the pilots. Mr. Hugh Jones: Can you give any reason for this? Captain Mills: No, except to counteract the effect of current. Comdr. Newill (President) then asked Captain Mills to repeat his

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DEAF MURDERER'S BRAIN.

ATROPHIED FOR WANT OF USE.

Frederick Lock, aged 39, a labourer, was convicted at the Old Bailey of the murder of Florence Alice Kitching, aged 25.

It was stated that Lock, a widower with four children, had been living in Coopers-road, Old Kent-road, S.E., with the woman for three years. Kitching's mother came from Cornwall to take her home, and shortly afterwards Lock gave himself up to the police saying he had cut the woman's throat because she was determined to go with her mother.

Replying to Mr. Jordan, defending, Dr. Hearn, specialist in nervous diseases to the Ministry of Pensions, said he believed that if Lock lived he would become certifiable as insane.

Dr. Watson, medical officer of Brighton Prison, said Lock was a man who for years had been very deaf, so that many things going on around him were lost to him. The result would be that his brain would tend to become atrophied because it was not used.

The jury found Lock guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy, and in passing sentence of death Mr. Justice Humphreys said the recommendation would be forwarded to the Home Secretary.

evidence that the tug was on the starboard bow of the *Taming*. This the witness did.

Asked by Mr. Hugh Jones why the ship was turned around twice Captain Mills replied that he did this to pass the time awaiting for better visibility and weather.

Chief Officer O. Fox of the s.s. *Taming* was then called and gave evidence corroborative of that of the previous witness, Capt. Mills. He also stated that in turning the s.s. *Taming* made a circle in about 600 feet.

The time between the alteration of the course by the tug and the collision was about two minutes. Mr. Hugh Jones pointed out that had the alterations not been made the two ships would have passed 230 feet apart.

The Chief Officer stated that the collision took place just East of Brother's Point at exactly 12.22 p.m. The 3rd engineer of the *Taming* also gave evidence which corroborated the previous evidence given, and produced the engine room log which was examined by the Court.

Log Altered?

At the resumption in the afternoon Mr. Hugh Jones asked that the deck log of the *Taming* be put in as evidence. This was ordered by the Court. With reference to an entry in the deck log which stated, "stop and various speeds at Capsulimun Pass—Heavy rain" Mr. Hugh Jones asked Mr. O. Fox the Chief Officer why he had entered "stop at Capsulimun Pass" when he gave evidence that the ship was stopped off Brother's Point.

Entries Erased.

Continuing Mr. Hugh Jones also pointed out to the witness that certain entries made after midnight had been rubbed out. The witness, however, denied any knowledge of this. Mr. Hugh Jones again stated that the present entries were a revision of the original entries, although the original entries had been made after the collision.

The deck log was then examined by the Court. The Chinese Pilot was called and his evidence was similar to the previous witnesses. He stated that he could see the Ma Wan red light, previous to and after the heavy rain, but not during the rain squall.

Chi Ling Sam, the quartermaster of the *Taming* also gave evidence, but as his attention was given entirely to steering he could not tell the Court any details of the collision.

The Coxswain's Evidence.

The coxswain of the "Socony" launch *Katonah* was the next witness and told the court that he had been in the Company's service for 14 years, during seven years of which he had been coxswain of the launch. He held a coxswain's certificate. On the night of the collision the tug was towing the "Socony" lighter *Fernent* which was heavily laden and lashed to the port side of the tug. On passing Capsulimun Pass about 400 yards from the North shore, he altered course to port.

A little later he noticed the mast lights and red light of a steamer to port. The vessel was about 2,000 yards off. He then steered a little to starboard, and then suddenly both the ship's side lights came into view. He then blew a blast on the whistle, and then stopped the launch and ordered the engines full astern. The coxswain stated that when he was drunk the *Taming* appeared to be going full speed ahead, and continued on her way without stopping. The lighter upon examination was found to be leaking badly. Baling operations were necessary, and he decided that he had better return to Lai-Chi-Kok.

Witness, when cross-examined by Mr. Hall Brutton stated that he was nearer to the North shore than the *Taming*.

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Barometer...	30.03	30.06	30.09
Temperature...	84	82	83
Humidity...	73	78	74

Direction	N	E	W	E
Force	1	2	3	0
Weather	0	0	0	0
Rain	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

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		5 43	5 6			3 50	1 8
		10 14	6 1			3 47	2 3
Fri.	5	6 10	5 8			4 7	3 1
		10 45	6 7			4 25	2 0
Sat.	6	7 10	6 0			4 33	2 4
		11 14	6 3			5 24	1 9
Sun.	7	8 10	6 2			5 56	2 8
		11 48	6 5			6 41	2 0
Mon.	8	9 11	6 3			6 15	3 2
		12 1	6 6			6 26	3 1
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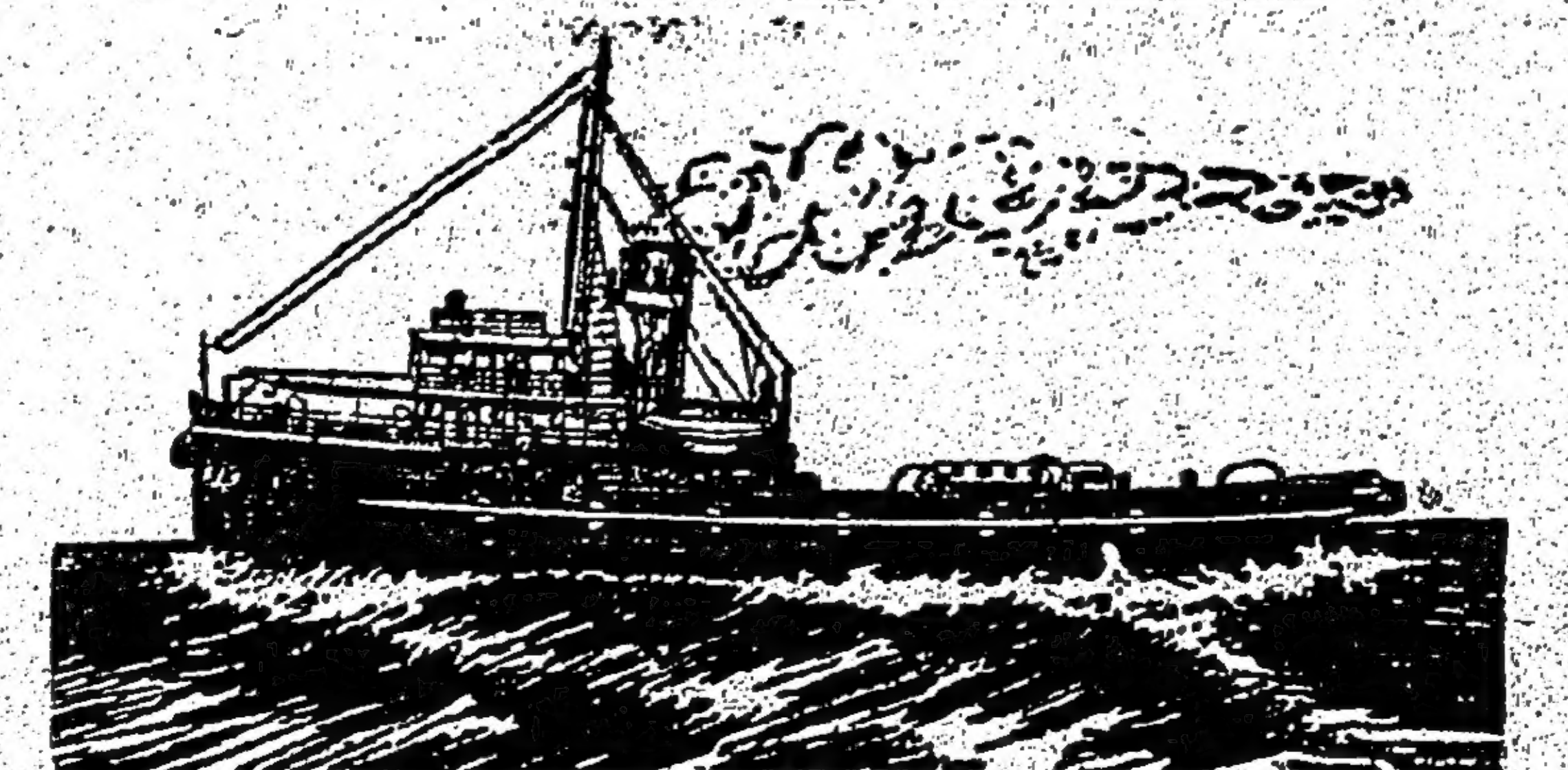
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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.	PASSENGERS.	CZECH TYRANNY.
<p>April 5th. <i>Angir</i>, German str., 9,360 tons, Capt. Friedrich Schafer, from Bremen and Singapore. The latter port she left on March 23th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co. <i>Del Maru</i>, Japanese str., 1,992 tons, Capt. K. Yugeta, from Canton, with sundries, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K. <i>Foolce</i>, Chinese str., 830 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaguchi, from Canton, with a cargo of oil, lying at buoy No. C16.—Ching Kee. <i>Shuntee</i>, Chinese str., 849 tons, Capt. B. Miyakawa, from Tientsin, which port she left on March 29th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C12.—Ching Kee. <i>Sungshan Maru</i>, Japanese str., 1,803 tons, Capt. K. H. Takao, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—N.Y.K. April 6th. <i>Caracalla</i>, French str., 1,917 tons, Capt. Jean Furet, from Saigon, which port she left on March 30th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. B48. <i>Footling</i>, British str., 1,423 tons, Captain A. Dockwrey, from Shanghai, which port she left on March 31st, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co. <i>Hai Hong</i>, Japanese str., 1,270 tons, Capt. Ellis Walker, from Fochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co. <i>Hatward</i>, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. C. W. Shearer, from Port Kamsa, which port she left on April 1st, with a cargo of coal, lying at Tai Kok Tsui.—Wo Fat Shing. <i>Hanyang</i>, British str., 1,206 tons, Capt. W. L. Shinn, from Wuhu, which port she left on March 30th, with 1,730 tons of rice for Canton, lying at buoy No. C40.—B. & S. <i>Hozan Maru</i>, Japanese str., 2,330 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with 500 tons of coal and 480 tons merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K. <i>Hydrangea</i>, British str., 561 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 92 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co. <i>New Mathilde</i>, British str., 842 tons, Capt. E. G. Raper, from Haiphong and Hoibow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—Yik Tai S.S. Co. <i>Sinkiang</i>, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. J. Tinson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.</p>	<p>Departures. <i>Per a President Cleveland</i>, left Hong Kong for Seattle on April 4th.—Mrs. Catherine Heron, Miss Paz N. De Guzman, Miss Clara M. Aragon, Miss Rosa A. Sangeas, Miss Maria A. Sangeas, Mr. Francisco Aragon, Mrs. Maria B. De Aragon, Mrs. Jane D. Feldstein, Mrs. J. M. Ross, Mr. Chas. F. Moelich, Miss H. Louise Patter, Lieut. Wm. D. Wright, Miss Ellen E. Shae, Miss Janet Shae, Mrs. Florence H. Shae, Mr. Archie W. Brankston, Mrs. Elizabeth Brankston, Mr. H. M. Hind, Mr. Gesuma Oda, Mr. H. Lorenz, Mr. W. M. Sullivan, Mr. Howard Gilmore, Mrs. Agnes K. Gilmore, Mr. Yekichi Imamura, Mrs. Maria T. Kalwa, Miss Maria Caridad Jison, Dr. Francisco O. Santos, Mrs. L. P. Hammond, Mrs. Geo. W. Van Dusen, Mr. Hugh K. Macdonnell, Mrs. Mabel R. 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Gehikawa, Mr. K. Osaka, Mr. Y. Yakayama, Mr. K. Yamayama, Mr. R. Fujimura, Mr. T. Soto, Mr. Wong Kwan Chick, Mrs. Wo Hant Yut, Mr. Chung Shue Ting, Mr. E. T. Stubbs, Mrs. R. E. Spurgeon, Miss H. Spurgeon, Miss M. Spurgeon, Mr. and Mrs. Shin Mogg Kue, Mr. Lau Ngoo Sam, Mr. Tung Mong Que, Mr. S. J. Cheong, Mr. Mui Woon Fai, Dr. McWhirter, Mr. Clarence K. Chan, Mrs. N. G. Wood, Mr. Lui Ching Yi, Mr. C. Fan, Mr. Cook Tate Cheung, Mr. H. F. Misselwitz, Mr. H. Gild, Mr. W. R. Davis, Mr. H. Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Lau Lim Yeung, Mrs. H. M. Bristol, Mrs. Castleman, Mrs. L. Riedell, Mrs. A. Carr, Miss Carr, Mrs. E. C. McCormack.</p>	<p>PERSECUTION OF HUNGARIANS. TRUMPED-UP CHARGES OF MURDER. BUDAPEST. Cases are frequently brought to my notice of the tyrannical and illegal conduct of the Czech Government towards Hungarians who visit Czechoslovakia, writes Sir Robert Donald in a London paper to hand. Mr. Fred Gruenberg, a Hungarian, living in Budapest, visited on December 14th last Pozsony (Bratislava), the town of his birth, for the burial of his father. After the funeral he was arrested and put in prison. Next day he was charged with having committed 57 political murders on Czech citizens and with espionage. He denied the charge and protested that he was a Hungarian citizen. His request to see the Hungarian Consul was refused. He was cross-examined for two days, then put into prison, again cross-examined and charged with having ordered the execution of two Czechs in 1919, and again with espionage. The names of the two executed Czechs could not be produced. The one witness called by the police had to withdraw his statements before the judge. Mr. Gruenberg was kept in prison until December 29th when the State Attorney ordered his release. He was rearrested, this time without any charge being formulated against him, and kept in prison for three days by order of the police-president, Dr. Slavicek, and against the written order of the State Attorney. Finally, through influence of friends, he was released on January 1st and deported. Grip On Communications. Mr. Gruenberg was an officer in the Hungarian Army and stationed at Pozsony in November 1918. He took part in suppressing the Communist revolution in Budapest in 1919. The charges against him of espionage and of murdering Czech citizens were trumped up. Mr. Gruenberg will not receive redress for the outrages committed upon him. A few weeks ago Dr. Charles Wolff, the leader of the Christian Social Party in the Hungarian Parliament, a prominent member of the Budapest municipality and a man occupying a high position in the country, was refused a visa by the Czechoslovak authorities to travel to London by the Orient Express. He was going to London in connection with the loan for the city of Budapest. He was held up for three weeks before permission was granted and then only on condition that a detective guarded the door of his compartment through Czech territory. Student's Arrest. In December last the Czech police arrested a young student named Charles Wolff while travelling on the main line to Vienna. He was put in prison without any charge having been made against him. It was understood that the charges against him were that he was the son of the political leader and that he was wearing a patriotic Hungarian badge. Dr. Charles Wolff has no son and the student is not a relative of his, nor has he any knowledge of his existence. The last I heard was that young Wolff was still in the hands of the Czech-Slovak police.</p>

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EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 13	June 16	June 19	June 21	June 30
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	July 4	July 7	July 10	July 13	July 31
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 4
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOW IMPORTS.

There were seventeen arrivals and twenty-five departures during the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. yesterday, but the local imports discharged for Hong Kong were only fair. Through freights, although lower than the previous day's figures, were up to average.

General cargoes manifested for Hong Kong totalled 9,992 tons, of which 3,354 tons were contributed by five British vessels.

The a.s. *Kum Sang* was the best British carrier. The two best returns were from the a.s. *Carrollas* (Italian) with 2,940 tons from Saigon, and the a.s. *Hung On* (Chinese) from Port Kaituma with 1,350 tons of coal.

Through freights amounted to 14,593 tons and four British vessels carried 8,213 tons. The a.s. *Kum Sang* with 5,037 tons was again the best cargo carrier of the four British vessels. The two best returns, however, were shown by the a.s. *Anger* (German) with 5,100 tons from Bremen and Singapore. The *Kum Sang* was second best carrier with 3,354 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	7	9
French	1	3
German	1	0
Japanese	3	4
Chinese	5	3
Norwegian	0	2
American	0	1
Italian	0	1
Total	17	25

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. a.s. *Kalyan* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on the 3rd inst. at 3 p.m., with the mails, and is due here to-morrow (Friday) at about 8 a.m.

The N.D.L. a.s. *Fulda* left Shanghai on April 3rd, and is expected to arrive here to-morrow (Friday). She will sail for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports on the same day.

The B.I. and A.P. a.s. *Santhia* left Kobe for Hong Kong on the 3rd inst., and is due here on Sunday morning, the 8th inst.

The B.I. and A.P. a.s. *Talamba* left Singapore for Hong Kong on the afternoon of the 2nd inst., and is due here on Saturday morning, 7th inst.

The a.s. *Adolf Von Berger* (Hugo Stinnes Linien) left Singapore on Tuesday at 11 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Monday morning.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	6.13 a.m.	6.40 p.m.
To-morrow	6.12	6.41
Saturday	6.11	6.41

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Madison, April 9th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Change, to-morrow.
Taiping, May 11th.

Bank Line.

City of Bombay, April 10th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Cardiff, April 14th.
City of Hamburg, April 14th.
City of Birmingham, May 4th.
City of New Castle, May 19th.
City of Chester, May 25th.
City of Tokio, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Peking, July 7th.
City of Bedford, June 22nd.

Rine Funnel Line.

Patroclus, to-morrow.
Proterius, April 10th.
Phenix, April 11th.
Agapornis, April 15th.
Komodo, April 17th.
Knight Companion, April 22nd.
Orion, April 22nd.
Diomed, April 25th.
Talthybius, May 1st.
Machon, May 2nd.
Antenor, May 3rd.
Alerione, May 9th.
Adrastus, May 16th.
Helenus, May 22nd.
Teucer, May 22nd.
Perseus, May 25th.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Rhezenor, June 8th.
Mentor, June 10th.
Tyndarus, June 10th.
Dardanus, June 25th.
Aniachus, June 25th.
Aeneas, July 2nd.
Theseus, July 25th.
Sarpedon, July 25th.
Elpenor, August 22nd.

British-India and A.P. Line.

Talamba, April 7th.
Santhia, April 8th.
Hatipara, April 10th.
Takada, April 22nd.
Talma, May 1st.
Takliwa, May 8th.
Tilava, May 3rd.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Canada, April 10th.
Dorval & Co.

Calulu, April 7th.
Tolado, April 12th.
Remo, April 28th.
Kendal Castle, May 7th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Garfield, April 7th.
President Pierce, April 9th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Afrika, to-day.
Malaya, April 27th.
Siam, June 15th.
Danmark, July 18th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Tanda, May 7th.

Glen Line.

Glenara, April 6th.
Glenahel, April 15th.
Carnarvonshire, April 25th.
Glenbeg, May 11th.
Pembrokehire, May 25th.

Hamburg-America Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.

Carl Legien, to-day.
Adolf Von Berger, April 9th.
President, April 10th.
Eymland, May 2nd.
Vogland, May 16th.
Albert Voelger, June 2nd.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Berl-Berl.
The master of the a.s. *Kum Sang* arriving here from Calcutta and Singapore reports the death of a native Chinese passenger from Berl-Berl.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 1,020. Three passengers were carried by six vessels which arrived during the period under review.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.

Tjileboat, April 9th.
Tjinaronek, April 9th.
Tjinaronek, April 12th.
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Messageries Maritimes.

Chenonceau, April 10th.
Capt. Faure, April 24th.
Athus II, April 24th.
D'Armanville, May 8th.
General Mettinger, May 22nd.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Bukyo Maru, to-day.
Hakone Maru, to-morrow.
Nagano Maru, April 8th.
Kanagawa Maru, April 8th.
Awa Maru, April 10th.
Korea Maru, April 10th.
Lima Maru, April 13th.
Toba Maru, April 14th.
Takasaka Maru, April 16th.
Malacca Maru, April 16th.
Sawa Maru, April 20th.
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Siberia Maru, May 8th.
Hakata Maru, May 9th.
Tottori Maru, May 9th.
Toyooka Maru, May 13th.
Tanyama Maru, May 13th.
Hakozaki Maru, May 18th.
Mishima Maru, May 22nd.
Hakusan Maru, June 2nd.
Wakasa Maru, June 8th.
Dokur Maru, June 10th.
Tsuru Maru, June 10th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Fulda, to-morrow.
Trier, April 10th.
Alster, April 25th.
Trave, May 15th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Kalyan, to-morrow.
Kushgar, April 13th.
Jeyapore, April 10th.
Kiddalore, April 21st.
Malwa, April 25th.
Alipore, May 2nd.
Novara, May 7th.
Delta, May 10th.
Rangpura, May 24th.
Nankin, June 4th.
Klyber, June 7th.
Ravallpindi, June 21st.
Nellore, July 2nd.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Rajputana, July 19th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.

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Asiatic Prince, April 13th.
Javanese Prince, May 8th.
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Pormosa, April 30th.

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"MALWA"	10,963	28th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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"NOVARA"	6,889	16th June	Marseilles and London.
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"KRYBER"	9,114	30th June	Marseilles, London & Hull.
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"NANKIN"	7,058	14th July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	6,855	21st July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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"MALWA"	10,968	10th Sept.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	17th Sept.	do.
"MOORE"	10,963	24th Oct.	do.
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"KIDDERPORE"	5,224	22nd April	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe
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"TALMA"	10,000	3rd May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"ALIPORE"	5,273	3rd May	Moji & Asoe
"TANDA"	9,956	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"NOVARA"	6,989	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"DELTA"	9,097	11th May	do
"KANPURA"	10,901	15th May	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NANKAI"	7,538	3th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	5,200	5th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"KHYBER"	5,114	6th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"BAWALPINDI"	16,619	22nd June	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
"NELLORÉ"	5,253	3rd July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	9,985	6th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	6,900	10th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"KALPUTTANA"	16,658	20th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	5,144	3rd Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,988	17th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	31st Aug.	do.
"KORMA"	10,963	14th Sept.	do.
"MACDONALD"	11,120	13th Oct.	do.
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